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Port Almanac—January 5.

Sun Rises	7.10 A M
Sun Sets	5.02 P M
Day's Length	9 h 52 m
High Water at Southport	9 22 P M
High Water at Wilmington	11.05 P M

The Weather.

U. S. DEP'T OF AGRICULTURE, WEATHER BUREAU, WILMINGTON, N. C., Jan 5.

Meteorological data for yesterday:

Temperature: 8 a. m., 56°; 8 p. m., 69°; maximum, 68°; minimum, 58°; mean, 63°;

Rainfall for the day, .01; rainfall since 1st of month up to date, .01.

FAYETTEVILLE, N. C., Jan. 3.—At 8 a. m. the stage of water in the Cape Fear river was 5.5 feet.

FORECAST FOR TO-DAY.

For North Carolina—Fair, preceded by local showers in eastern portion in the early morning; colder; westerly winds.

OUTLINES.

The discovery of a shortage of $60,000 in his accounts caused Cashier Richard D. Cornelius, of the National Farmers' and Planters' Bank, of Baltimore, Md., to commit suicide. —— Professional burglars robbed the safe of Wm. D. Boyette, of Norfolk, Va., securing $172. —— L. Warner, a Jewish merchant of Augusta, Ga., fell from a third story window, breaking his neck. —— Fitzsimmons and Corbett have signed articles to fight on March 17th. —— The Germania, the Allemania and the West Side Banks, of St. Paul, Minn., and the City Bank, of Nora Springs, Ia., have closed their doors. —— James Duffy died from the effects of injuries received in a fight with George Justice before the Broadway Athletic Club Saturday night. —— In a difficulty between Thomas Rhame and Ralph Deschamps at Panola, C. C., the former was shot and killed; it is believed that Deschamps, who disappeared immediately after the shooting, was seriously injured and has since died. —— A delegation representing the rice interest will appear before the House Committee on Ways and Means for the purpose of asking an increase of duty on imported rice. —— The Spanish General Lugue reports a victory over 1 500 insurgents. —— New York markets: Money on call was easy at 1½@2 per cent., last loan at 1½ per cent., closing offered at 1½ per cent.; cotton dull—middling 7⅛c; Southern flour was dull, but steady—common to fair extra $3 00@3 55; good to choice $3 55@3 85; wheat—spot dull and irregular, closing steady—free on board 99⅝c, ungraded red 80c@$1.00; corn—spot dull and firm, No. 2 29⅝c at elevator and 30⅝c afloat; rosin steady—strained common to good $1 72½; spirits turpentine firm at 27@27⅝c.

Horses are becoming so cheap in the West that farmers in Northern Indiana are said to be killing many, because it will be cheaper to buy horses in the Spring than to feed those they have through the Winter.

Apples have been quoted at 10 cents a barrel in Maine. As the prohibition laws of Maine prevent the apple raiser from converting his fruit into liquid, he has to sell it in the natural form and take what he can get for it.

It is said that the rich women of this country spend $4,000,000 a year on dress. Well, that's all right. If they spent $8,000,000, it would give that much more employment to poor people and put that much more money in circulation.

Hon. Mr. Dingley, of Maine, isn't bothering himself about cutting down expenses. What we want, according to him, is to run on the billion dollar schedule, and run the taxes up accordingly. That isn't the kind of statesmanship the American people are hankering for now.

If Prime Minister Canovas, of Spain, were a good bull fighter he might make from $50,000 to $60,000 a year, but as he is only a statesman he can't make more than $4,500, and he doesn't have half as much chance to show off as he would shaking a red rag at a tail-switching bovine.

In the city of Philadelphia the suicides for 1896 numbered 138, as against 109 for 1895, and homicides 46, as against 39 for 1895. Commenting on this the *Times* says "these figures may be accepted as an index of hard times and a steady increase of the criminal population." But an increase of the criminal population is also an index of hard times.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

Attention is called to the following REDUCED RATES of Subscription to THE MORNING STAR:

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The STAR will be delivered by carrier at any point in the city at 12 cents per week, or 45 cents per month.

Senator Hoar, of Massachusetts, said in a recent speech that he could remember, when in his babyhood, Yankee farmers of good New England stock used to lie drunk by the roadside on a summer day and the windows of their unpainted houses were stuffed with old hats and coats. This shows a somewhat remarkable memory for the old gentleman and also that this good New England stock has been considerably improved by the admixture of other stock.

That Illinois tin horn which was sent to Mr. McKinley and which it required five men to escort is six feet long and built in proportion, but the hornalogist fails to inform us whether it was built of American tin or some blasted imported stuff. Until this information is spread broadcast the sure enough American who believes in American tin horns, as well as American suits of clothes, can't be expected to take a deep-seated interest in that tin horn.

Dr. Gaccaeulli, of Rome, claims to have discovered the germ of yellow fever and hopes to show how to combat the disease.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

OPERA HOUSE—Sousa's Band.
ENTERTAINM'T—"Coming Woman."
W., C. & A. R. R.—Dividend notice.

LOCAL DOTS.

Items of Interest Gathered Here and There and Briefly Noted.

— The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Managers of the Produce Exchange will be held to-day.

— The schooner *Emma Knowlton* cleared yesterday for Puerto Plata, San Domingo, with 24,000 feet lumber and 298 packages of sash, doors and blinds; value $3,198.05.

— The flag at the Wilmington Light Infantry armory was kept at half-mast yesterday on account of the death, at Chunchula, Ala., of Mr. Martin L. Stevenson, formerly of this city.

— William David Bishop, infant son of Mr. Geo. A. Bishop, died yesterday morning at 10.30 o'clock. The funeral will be held this afternoon at 3 o'clock from the residence of his father, 508 South Third street.

— The "Coming Woman" will be presented to-night at the old Hemenway School. The Charitable Circle of King's Daughters and Sons, under whose auspices the entertainment is given, promises "treat." Admission 25 cents.

— The Board of Directors of the Wilmington, Columbia & Augusta Railroad Company have declared a dividend of five per cent. on the capital stock of the company; payable on and after Monday, January 11th, 1897.

— Notice has been given by publication that application will be made to the Legislature for a charter for the Bank of Maxton. There seems little doubt now that the bank will be established. Subscriptions to the capital stock have thus far been more liberal than expected.

The Criminal Court.

The January term of the Criminal Court for New Hanover county convened yesterday at 10 a. m., Hon. O. P. Meares, Judge presiding. The grand jury was drawn and sworn as follows: J. A. Montgomery (foreman), J. C. McCartney, C. S. Riggs, Luther Williams, M. J. Merritt, C. A. Bordeaux, J. C. Swain, M. H. Kelly, J. W. Fails, R. B. Register, E. M. Rogers, R. B. Freeman, C. C. Blake, James F. Hayes, H. H. King, Fred Stein, J. F. Scott, Elijah Chadwick.

At 12.30 o'clock Court took recess until 2.30 p. m.

At the afternoon session cases were disposed of as follows:

Thos. Keater, charged with carrying a concealed deadly weapon. Defendant submitted and judgment was suspended upon payment of costs.

Wm. Raffins, charged with carrying a concealed deadly weapon, also submitted and judgment in his case was suspended upon payment of the costs.

Judgment was also suspended upon submission and payment of costs in the case of Wm. Bell, charged with larceny; Wm. Ripley, charged with assault and battery with a deadly weapon, and Ed. James, assault and battery with a deadly weapon.

At 5 p. m. the Court took a recess until 10 a. m. this morning.

One Cent a Word.

Hereafter advertisements to go in our "Business Locals" department will be charged one cent per word for each insertion; but no advertisement, however short, will be taken for less than 20 cents.

This is a reduction from former rates and it is also a convenience to advertisers who can calculate the exact cost of their advertisements, which must be paid for always in advance.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS

Pertinent Paragraphs Pertaining Principally to People and Pointedly Printed.

— Mr. Morgan Turrentine has returned to the city.

— Mr. Alfred Jewett left yesterday for Chocowinity.

— Miss Lucille W. Murchison left last night for Baltimore.

— Mr. Claude Gore left for Wake Forest College yesterday.

— Mr. A. S. King, of Hampstead, was in the city yesterday.

— Mr. Bradley Wooten left for Raleigh yesterday morning.

— Mr. Neil Emerson has returned to Horner's Military School.

— Mr. J. E. Daniels, of Newbern, was among yesterday's arrivals.

— Mr. Willie Watters leaves to-day to attend school near Charlotte.

— Mr. G. Kirby Collier has returned to college in Baltimore, Md.

— Mr. V. T. Boatwright left for Portsmouth, Va., Sunday afternoon.

— Miss Bettie Johnson returned to Peace Institute yesterday morning.

— Capt. V. V. Richardson, of Whiteville, was in the city yesterday.

— Mr. E. W. Summerell, of Jacksonville, was registered here yesterday.

— Miss M. S. Alford, of Southport, was among the hotel registrations yesterday.

— Miss Marie Murchison left last evening for Madame Lefebvre's School in Baltimore.

— Mr. Walker Weeks left yesterday for Baltimore, Md., on the A. C. L morning train.

— Mr. Jim Carr, representing the well known Plant system, was an arrival in the city yesterday.

— Mr. Pride Jones Thomas has returned to the College of Physicians and Surgeons in New York.

— Mr. F. M. Foy, Jr., of Scott's Hill, was here yesterday, returning to the A. & M. College at Raleigh.

— Mr. R. C. Bunting, who has been in Wilmington spending the holidays, left yesterday for Davidson College.

— Miss Carrie Whitehead, of Rocky Mount, daughter of Dr. Whitehead, is in the city, visiting Miss Peschau.

— Mr. E. A. Huggins, of Florence, S. C., passed through the city yesterday on his way home from a visit to Polloksville.

— Messrs. F. M. Pinner, Sim Sebrell, Allen Huggins and B. J. Wooten returned to the A. & M. College at Raleigh yesterday.

— Miss Belle Haynesworth, of Florence, S. C., who has been visiting the family of Mr. Lewis Belden, returned home yesterday.

— Miss Janie Cooper returned to her home at Mullins, S. C., after having spent the holidays with the family of her brother, Mr. W. B. Cooper.

— Miss Mary L. McKoy and her charming guest, Miss Oberia Rogers, of Waynesville, returned to school yesterday over the C. F. & Y. V.

— Miss Helen Stedman, of Elizabethtown, is in the city visiting relatives and friends. She is stopping with the family of Mr. Wm. H. Bernard.

— Misses Octavia Boatwright, Tulula DeRosset, Katie Maffitt and Leonora Cantwell returned to the State Normal and Industrial College at Greensboro.

— Other arrivals were Mr. C. E. Batters, North Carolina; Mr. I. Hogeland, Verona; Mr. George Brown, Hub, Mr. G. G. Lynch, Florence, S. C.; Mr. H. A. Wells, South Carolina.

— The University of North Carolina Glee, Banjo and Mandolin Club gave a performance in Raleigh last night. Messrs. Milton Elliott and Leslie Branch, of this city, are members.

— Messrs. Jno. D. McEachern, Marsden Bellamy, Jr., Harlee Bellamy, Ed Wood, Louis Hall, Leslie Branch, Milton Elliott and Ed Metts left for the University of North Carolina yesterday morning over the Atlantic Coast Line.

BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Receipts of Naval Stores and Cotton Yesterday.

Wilmington & Weldon R. R.—238 bales cotton, 4 casks spirits turpentine, 14 bbls rosin.

Wilmington, Columbia & Augusta R. R.—127 bales cotton, 11 casks spirits turpentine, 174 bbls rosin, 41 bbls tar, 14 bbls crude turpentine.

Carolina Central R.R.—6 bales cotton.

Cape Fear & Yadkin Valley R. R.—3 casks spirits turpentine, 240 bbls rosin, 9 bbls tar.

Steamer Driver—12 casks spirits turpentine, 210 bbls rosin, 82 bbls tar.

Schooner Samuel—16 casks spirits turpentine, 100 bbls rosin, 39 bbls tar.

Roger's raft—695 bbls rosin, 75 bbls tar.

Autry's raft—480 bbls rosin.

Total receipts—Cotton, 361 bales; spirits turpentine, 46 casks; rosin, 1,884 bbls; tar, 246 bbls; crude turpentine, 14 bbls.

Funeral of the Late S. VanAmringe, Esq.

All that was mortal of the late Mr. VanAmringe was laid to rest yesterday afternoon in Oakdale Cemetery. The funeral services, conducted by the Rev. Peyton H. Hoge, were held at the family residence, No. 105 North Sixth street, at 3.30 o'clock p. m. Cape Fear Camp No. 254, United Confederate Veterans, of which organization the deceased was a member, attended in a body. The pall-bearers were: (Honorary) Governor-elect Daniel L. Russell and Col. Jas. G. Burr; (active) Col. F. W. Foster, Capt. Jno. Cowan, Messrs. W. H. Chadbourn, B. F. Hall, Chas. H. Fore, Thos. O. Bunting, Aaron Nathan and R. W. Rice.

COUNTY AFFAIRS.

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS IN SESSION.

Jas. H. Chadbourn, Jr., Elected County Treasurer—Chairman Foster Makes a Statement Concerning County Finances—Other Matters Considered by the Board.

The Board of County Commissioners met yesterday morning at 10.30 o'clock in the Court House. Present, Chairman F. W. Foster and Commissioners Roger Moore, W. F. Alexander, F. J. Dampsey and Jordan Nixon.

After the minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved, Chairman Foster said as the position of county treasurer was such an important one the Board would have to go into an election immediately to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. S. VanAmringe.

Commissioner Nixon said he wished to place in nomination Mr. Jas. H. Chadbourn, Jr.

Commissioner Moore asked if the Board had the right to fill the vacancy.

Chairman Foster replied that they would go into that matter later, but at present they wanted the nominations.

Commissioner Moore then placed in nomination Mr. Josh T. James, but said he wanted still to know if the Board had a right to elect, as the late Mr. Stacey VanAmringe had not qualified.

Mr. Marsden Bellamy, the Board's attorney, was then asked for his views. Mr. Bellamy said that he had investigated the question very carefully, and that the Board had a right to elect; that the bond of the late treasurer had not been rejected, but, on the contrary, had been accepted with sufficient time given him to secure two certificates from the government showing that the indemnity company given by him as bondsmen was acceptable.

Commissioner Moore asked that the minutes of the previous meeting be referred to, which was done. The minutes showed that the treasurer had presented his bond, but the same was rejected, as it did not meet all the requirements of law and he was given until January 4th, 1897, to give bond. Mr. Bellamy said he thought still the Board would have the right to elect, and that the record should be changed, as Mr. VanAmringe's bond had not been rejected.

Commissioner Moore asked why the record was not altered before it was approved.

Commissioner Moore moved to reconsider the nomination until the office of treasurer had been declared vacant. The motion was carried.

On motion of Commissioner Dempsey the office was declared vacant. The Board then went into an election of treasurer, with Mr. Josh T. James and Mr. Jas. H. Chadbourn, Jr., as nominees.

On the first ballot Mr. Chadbourn received three votes, Mr. James two votes, and there was one blank vote. Commissioners Foster, Dempsey and Nixon voted for Chadbourn and Commissioners Moore and Alexander voted for James. As there were only five Commissioners and there were six votes cast, Commissioner Moore moved to proceed to another ballot, which resulted in, Chadbourn, three votes; James, two votes.

Mr. Jas. H. Chadbourn, Jr., was declared duly elected as county treasurer.

C. P. Lockey, Esq., appeared before the Board in regard to the assessment on the property of Mrs. Emma J. Motte and Mr. Jas. E. Clark.

On motion of Commissioner Moore, Mr. Lockey's request and matters of a like nature were referred to the commissioners' attorney, the chairman to report at next meeting.

The revision of the jury list was also referred to the attorney for advisement.

Chairman Foster read a letter from Mr. E. P. Bailey, which stated that he (Bailey) had examined the boiler and pipes in the court house and that he found the janitor, Dan'l Howard, fully competent to manage them.

Chairman Foster said that before the election they had read in the newspapers that there was $10,000 to $20,000 on hand, and about two weeks ago they had read that there was from $10,000 to $12,000 on hand; that last night he had been handed a paper taken out of the late treasurer's pocket which showed that all the year's taxes had about been exhausted, and that the county had about $10,000 floating debt, besides their bonds, to be looked after.

The bond of W. J. Harriss as standard keeper, with Jas. H. Chadbourn, Jr., and Silas P. Wright as sureties, was taken up; but on motion the bond was laid over until the next meeting.

The following resolution was offered:

Resolved, That Thos. A. Watson be hereby appointed superintendent of the County Home, in charge of the home, County House of Correction and county farm, at a salary of $40 per month; that Chairman Foster, Commissioners Dempsey and Alexander are hereby appointed a committee to make all arrangements for supplies for the County Home and for the management of the same.

Commissioner Moore said he thought that method very expensive. They should, he said, give the position of superintendent to the lowest responsible bidder, under certain conditions, and that he should be bonded.

Chairman Foster said that they intended for the public to know the cost of everything, and that he knew the person named in the resolution for superintendent to be one of the most liberal-hearted of men.

Commissioner Moore said he didn't question that, but the superintendent should be bonded so as to give the Board some redress.

On motion of Commissioner Dempsey, the resolution was laid over until the next meeting.

The following resolution was also laid over:

Resolved, That the secretary and treasurer of the Associated Charities and the secretary and treasurer of the United Charities be requested to render a quarterly statement of the disbursement of the funds contributed by the county.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That all rents due the county shall be collected by the clerk of the Board and paid over to the treasurer of the county each and every month.

The chairman appointed Commissioners Moore and Nixon on the Auditing Committee.

The clerk called the attention of the Board to some land entries.

The income tax of Mr. Jno. D. Bellamy was ordered placed in the third class, as there had been an error in transcribing.

The personal tax against Mrs. H. C. Daniels was ordered erased, as she is not now a resident of North Carolina.

The resignation of S. H. Terry as superintendent of the County Home was read.

On motion of Commissioner Dempsey, the Board went into the election of a hospital committee, to serve until March 1st, 1897.

The ballot resulted: Dempsey, 5 votes; Foster, 5; Nixon, 3; Moore, 1; Alexander, 1.

The Board received the report of the Clerk of the Superior Court, Col. Jno. D. Taylor.

The bid for furnishing drugs for the county poor was laid over until the next meeting.

The contract for furnishing coal and wood was awarded to Mr. P. R. Fowler. His bid was to furnish coal delivered at the Court House for $6 per ton; delivered at the Poor House for $6.75 per ton, and wood for $4 per cord.

The contract for burying the pauper dead was awarded to D. C. Evans, colored, his bid being $1.98.

A petition to appoint Alex. Haggins to take charge of Oak Grove cemetery and several other like petitions were laid over.

Several matters were referred to the auditing committee.

A $1 certificate was ordered issued to Jas. Richardson, colored, of Harnett township, he being unable to work.

The Board at 1 40 p. m. took a recess until 11 o'clock this morning.

Death of Rev. Father James B. White.

Another one of the landmarks of the Catholic Church in this State has passed away. A telegram received here yesterday announced the death of Rev. Father James B. White, at St. Vincent's Hospital, Norfolk, Va., yesterday morning.

Father White served St. Thomas' Church in this city from 1871 to 1876, as assistant pastor to Rev. Father Mark S. Gross, acting also as teacher in the parochial school. In 1876 he left Wilmington and went to Raleigh. After serving the church there for some time he was called to Asheville, where he remained until failing health necessitated his going to St. Joseph's Hospital, Baltimore, in August, 1895. In 1896 he went to St. Vincent's Hospital, at Norfolk, where he died.

One of the leading characteristics of Father White's methods, it is learned from one who knew him, was his great zeal in building up the financial condition of his charge. Especially was he successful in this line at Raleigh and Asheville.

The deceased priest was a paymaster in the Federal army, and did not study for the priesthood until after the late war. He was between 65 and 70 years old. Much regret was expressed here yesterday at the news of his death.

Sousa's Band.

John Philip Sousa and his fine concert band will be at the Opera House Thursday evening, and his coming will be a most interesting event to all who worship at music's shrine. The history of military bands shows no parallel to the favor which this organization has attained. Such a result could be achieved only by musical merit of the highest order, intelligently and conscientiously presented to the public. Mr. Sousa long ago demonstrated that he is in every way a masterly band conductor. He made the Marine Band of Washington famous for its excellence, and followed this by organizing what has been repeatedly and universally proclaimed the finest concert band every heard in America. His marches, "El Capitan," "Washington Post," "King Cotton," "Liberty Bell," "Manhattan Beach," "Directorate," etc., which are as familiar in the drawing room as to the small boy who whistles them with so much vim on the streets, are among the first compositions in the world.

Advance sale of seats will commence this morning at Gerken's.

Another Incendiary Blaze.

An alarm of fire was sent in Sunday evening about 7.30 o'clock from box 16. The Fire Department soon succeeded in suppressing the flames, which were in a one-story unoccupied frame dwelling belonging to Mr. Sam'l Bear, on Third between Brunswick and Bladen streets. The damage to the property is small and is covered by insurance of $800 with Mr. W. W. Hodges. The fire began in the kitchen of the building, and is one of the many incendiary fires that have occurred lately.

While the Adrian reel was going to the fire, on Fourth street near Chesnut, it ran over a pile of dirt thrown upon the street, which was being repaired, and was turned over, breaking both shafts, two spokes out of one of the wheels and displacing the driver, who fortunately was not injured.

Y. M. C. A.

The Young Men's Christian Association held its election of officers last night for the ensuing year, which resulted as follows:

President—Andrew J. Howell, Jr.
Vice President—Frank L. Huggins.
Secretary—Dr. J. H. Dreher.
Treasurer—P. Heinsberger, Jr.

Trustees for the term ending December, 1896, D. G. Worth and C. C. Brown. The other members of the Board of Trustees, whose terms expire in one and two months, respectively, are Col. Roger Moore, B. F. Hall, E. S. Tennent and P. B. Manning. Twenty-five new members were elected last night.

ATLANTIC COAST LINE.

The New Annex to the Building on Front Street Completed—A Handsome and Commodious Structure—Already Occupied by Officials of the System.

Growth in business necessitates increase of working room. And it is justly matter of pride to the Atlantic Coast Line authorities that the business of that line has grown to such proportions as to require a four-story annex to accommodate it.

The new wing constitutes a very marked addition to the architectural display of the northern part of the city. Being two stories higher than the surrounding buildings, and standing flush with the street, it is by odds the most noticeable structure in the vicinity. It is built of pressed brick, is heated by steam, and wears the same appearance of strength and solidity that characterizes the main building. Entrance to the annex is gained by a passage-way leading directly through from the large double door on Front street.

The changes in the distribution of the several departments that have already been made and those that will be made to-day, with other facts of interest connected with the matter, were ascertained yesterday afternoon and are as follows:

The first floor, or basement (leaving out the space for a driveway), is to be used as a supply room. Immediately above will be General Manager J. R. Kenly's office and that of his private secretary. The third floor is to be occupied by Mr. T. M. Emerson, Traffic Manager, and his private secretary. Vice President H. Walters and secretary will have their offices on the fourth floor, while in the fifth story, which consists of a single large and commodious room, and from which a complete view of the depot, train-shed, freight warehouse and network of tracks below can be had, the directors will hold their meetings.

The foregoing changes make some necessary in the main building. The office on the third floor, counting basement as first, till now occupied by Mr. H. Walters, becomes headquarters for Mr. H. M. Emerson, General Freight and Passenger Agent; Mr. Emerson's former office and the one adjoining it on the south being intended hereafter for the use of Mr. W. G. Pulliam, Freight Claim Agent, and his force of clerks. Mr. R. E. Smith, Coal and Fuel Agent, will take the room vacated by Mr. Pulliam.

On the second floor, the only change that will be made is that the General Manager's former office will become that of Mr. E. Borden, Superintendent of Transportation; the room of the auditing department being enlarged to include the one vacated by Mr. Borden.

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS.

Installation of Officers of the Four Lodges of the Order—A Number of Visitors—Refreshments Served—Address by Grand Chancellor Catlett.

The four lodges of Knights of Pythias of this city met last night at Castle Hall, where officers of the different lodges were installed by Grand Chancellor Washington Catlett, assisted by the following Deputy Grands:

G. V. C.—S. Behrends.
G. P.—W. S. Warrock.
G. M. at A.—W. H. Yopp.
G. K. of R. and S.—Joseph King.
G. M. of E.—J. W. Monroe.
G. M. of F.—John Haar, Jr.
G. I. G.—S. P. McNair.
G. O. G.—W. H. Howell.

After the installation, refreshments were served to the large number of visitors present, including many ladies. About 250 Knights, besides a full representation from the Uniform Rank were in attendance. During the evening speeches were made by Grand Chancellor Washington Catlett and Supreme Master T. D. Meares.

The sick brethren of the different lodges were not forgotten, as each Past Grand made it his duty to see that a waiter laden with the "good things" was sent to each and every sick member.

The following officers were installed:

Stonewall Lodge No. 1—P. C., C. D. Yarborough; C. C., H. Cronenberg; Prelate, J. R. Turrentine; M. of W., C. D. Yarborough; M. of E., H. J. Bierman; M. of F., J. F. Barnes; K. of R. and S., W. F. Robertson; G. I. G., E. H. Batson; G. O. G., J. M. Holmes.

Clarendon Lodge No. 2—P. C., G. W. Farmer; C. C., M. C. S. Noble; V. C., W. A. Wilson, Jr.; Prelate, C. R. Branch; M. at A., J. P. Quelch; M. of E., J. S. Smith; M. of F., H. W. Collins; K. of R. and S., W. G. Farmer; G. I. G., E. A. Warren; G. O. G., G. A. Warren.

Germania Lodge No. 4—P. C., H. Gieschen; C. C., G. Haar; V. C., Turgen Haar; Prelate, G. F. Seeder; M. of W., H. Gieschen; M. of E., F. W. Ortmann; M. of F., H. L. Vollers; K. of R. and S., H. F. Haar; M. at A., P. N. Fick; G. I. G., J. W. Duls; G. O. G., M. Bremer.

Jefferson Lodge No. 61.—H. C., H. E. Bonitz; C. C., J. H. Dreher; V. C., H. E. Gibbons; Prelate, J. T. Scott; M. of W., H. E. Bonitz; M. of E., H. D. Burkheimer; M. of F., J. C. Morrison; K. of R. and S., A. S. Holden; M. at A., G. J. McMillan, Jr.; G. I. G., Henry Haar; G. O. G., F. W. Hines.

The members of the committee who had charge of the entertainment were Capt. W. P. Oldham, chairman, Mr. A. S. Holden, secretary, and Messrs. H. D. Berkheimer, J. P. Quelch, Henry Gieschen and Geo. Lewis.

Funeral of the Late Mr. W. W. Bunting.

Rev. Dr. Carmichael conducted the services yesterday at 3 30 p. m. over the body of the late Mr. W. W. Bunting. The funeral was from the residence of Mr. Bunting's brother-in-law, Mr. G. T. Flynn, 209 North Fourth street. The pall-bearers were Mr. Louis Bunting, Mr. B. O. Stone, Mr. C. D. Foard, Mr. J. D. Smith, Mr. F. A. Muse, Mr. J. Solomon, Mr. J. L. Breckinridge. The body was interred in Oakdale Cemetery.

— An impromptu german will be given in Germania Hall to-night.

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BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

Regular Monthly Meeting—Contracts for Sewerage and Street Improvements Awarded—Other Matters Considered.

The Board of Aldermen met in regular monthly session last night. Present, Aldermen VonGlahn, Maunder, Northrop, Cameron, Meares, Moore, and later Alderman Gore. In the absence of Mayor Harriss, Mayor pro tem. VonGlahn presided.

The contract for repairing the sewerage system in the City Hall, Guard House and Opera House was awarded, if Board of Audit and Finance concur, to the Wilmington Iron Works Company, the lowest bidders; but the committee is to be allowed to dispense with any work not necessary. The company's bid was $714, without porcelain lined latrines. Mr. R. H. Grant's bid was $732 05, painted iron. Mr. W. S. Walker's bid was $962.00.

The bill of Mr. R. H. Grant for $25 for drawing specifications for the sewerage work was laid over.

On motion of Alderman Meares, Messrs. E G Parmele and T. E. Wallace were awarded contracts for shelling the following streets: Castle street from Front to Seventh, $1,942; Third street from Dock to Red Cross, $1,324.75; and Fourth street commencing at Market and extending south as far as the appropriation lasts, or as far as contract.

On motion of Alderman Meares the Mayor was instructed to confer with the Board of Audit and Finance as to the availability of the $500 appropriated for repairing Fourth street beyond the bridge, and if available to contract for the work on the same basis as the other contracts awarded to Messrs. Parmele and Wallace.

On motion of Alderman Northrop, the ordinance prohibiting the digging up of Market street was suspended, pending a new ordinance, and on motion of Alderman Meares, the Mayor was empowered to allow, if he sees fit, the digging up of Market street.

On motion, five dollars was ordered refunded to the Good Samaritans, paid for use of the City Hall, which they did not use.

A petition of Ira Breese to be allowed to carry on the business of a huckster, was referred to the Mayor.

A complaint was read from Bertha Nixon in regard to a ditch on Princess street between Eleventh and Twelfth streets.

Andrew Keith was granted permission to erect a one-story building on Rankin street.

Permission was granted Messrs. W. E. Worth & Co. to erect a frame building, abestos roof, on the lot fronting on the west side of Second street, 160 feet from the northern line of Red Cross street, for use as a stable; also, to erect a building on their lot at the intersection of Second and Red Cross streets, adjoining the ice factory, and to erect a building to be used as an office.

Report of Dr. A. H. Harriss, city physician, was read and ordered on file.

Treasurer Rice's report for the month of December was read, showing balance, last return, $10,391.84; receipts, $28,791.15; balance due city, $31,652.90; paid out, $17,530.39.

The Board adjourned at 10 o'clock.

Dr. P. L. Groome's Address.

Dr. P. L. Groome addressed the pastors and Sunday school workers of the city at the First Presbyterian Church Sunday afternoon at 4.30 o'clock. He described the aims and methods of the American Society of Religious Education and also of the Summer schools held in Asheville by the Southern Biblical Assembly. He stated that efforts were being made to raise money enough to build an auditorium at Asheville, thus insuring the permanence of the Summer schools. Life membership in the society can be had at a cost of $100, while $1.00 procures what is known as the teachers' course, issued by mail from Washington city.

SPORT AT PRONG.

Mecklenburg Hunters Bag Lots of Game.

[*Special Star Correspondence.*]

PRONG, COLUMBUS CO., N. C., Jan. 4.

A crowd of hunters arrived here from Davidson last Saturday, the 26th of December, and up to date have caught ten foxes and shot thirty ducks and 150 partridges. They brought with them a pack of fine hounds and a fine bird dog. The party consist of Dr. W. H. Wooten, Mr. Merit Guger, W. A. Potts, Capt. Tom Guger, W. R. Potts and Charles Knox.

This party arrived here and made headquarters at Mr. Shade Wooten's, and was joined by two famous gunners, Messrs. Alex Nance and E. W. Wooten, Jr. The old hunters say this is the finest sport they have seen in this county in years.

If there is anything you want, advertise for it. Is there anything you don't want? Advertise it in the Business Locals of the STAR. One cent a word. But no ad. taken for less than 20 cents. tf

DIED.

BISHOP—In this city, Monday morning, January 4th, at 10.30 o'clock, WILLIAM DAVID, son of Geo. A. and Lulu L. Bishop, aged two years and eleven months.

Funeral this (Tuesday) afternoon at 3 o'clock, from No. 508 South Third street.

SUBSCRIPTION RATES.
REDUCED TO $5.00.
BUT NO REDUCTION IN SIZE OF PAPER, OR IN QUANTITY OR QUALITY OF READING MATTER.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

WINDOW SHADES.

Felt Shades, patent spring rollers, complete, 18¼c. Opaque shades, in linens, gray and green, 25c. Splendid Fringed Shades, sold elsewhere for 50c, our price 39c. A 75c Shade with heavy knotted Fringe, only 45c Best quality Scotch Holland, our price 75c.

CURTAIN POLES.
All colors, complete with Brass Trimmings 25c. All colors, complete with Wood Trimmings 20c.

MATTINGS.
A splendid Matting 10c yard. Good seamless Matting 15c yard. Cotton warp, plain with Jap figures only 19c. Extra heavy 35c Mattings 22½c. Door Mats 4 c.

FLOOR OIL CLOTHS.
Yard wide 25c, pretty patterns in 5-4, 6-4 and 8-4.

RUGS, RUGS.
Rugs at all prices, 45, 69, 85 and 98c. Moquet Rugs, beautiful styles, $3.00 size $2.69; $5.00 size $4.25.

CARPETS.
Hemp, yard wide 13c, better quality 18c. A splendid Ingrain Carpet just received at 35c yard. 50c quality Wool Ingrain, our price 39c yard. Some splendid values in Brussels, Moquet and Axminster Carpets.

Special cut prices in our
Clothing Department,
Dry Goods Department,
Shoe Department.

Give us a call, it will pay you.
Bell Phone 118. Inter-State Phone 218.

J. H. REHDER & Co.,
617 and 619 North Fourth street.
jan 3 tf

Office of Sec'y of W., C & A. R. R. Co.

WILMINGTON, N. C., January 4th, 1897.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE Wilmington, Columbia & Augusta Railroad Company have instructed the Treasurer to pay to all holders of record of this date three per cent. dividend on the capital stock of that company. Dividend due and payable Monday, January 11th, 1897.
JAMES F. POST, Jr., Secretary and Treasurer W., C. & A. R. R. Co.
jan 5 tf

OPERA HOUSE.
THURSDAY EVENING, JAN. 7.
ONE GRAND CONCERT.
SOUSA
and his UNRIVALED BAND.

21,000 mile tour, ocean to ocean.
Elizabeth Northrop, Soprano. Martina Johnstone, Violinist. Franz Hall, Fluegelhorn.
Prices—All reserved seats $1.00. Admission 75 cts.
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ENTERTAINMENT.
"The Coming Woman,"
By the Charitable Circle King's Daughters and Sons, January 5th, 1897, at Old Hemenway School Building, North Fourth Street.
ADMISSION, 25 CENTS.
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NOTICE.
Wanted, Furs of All Kinds.
Highest New York market prices. Express and freight charges paid. Returns made the day goods are received.
Quotations furnished upon request.
SAM'L BEAR, Sr.,
12 Market Street.
dec 22 tf

Do Not Be Contented
until you have seen our
Holiday Novelties.
The largest stock of FINE PERFUMES, &c., in the city to select from.
JAMES D. NUTT,
dec 22 tf The Druggist.

BIDS
WILL BE RECEIVED AT THE OFFICE of the City Clerk and Treasurer until 12 o'clock noon January 4th, 1897, for REPAIRING SEWERAGE, ETC., AT CITY HALL AND OPERA HOUSE.
Specifications can be seen at the office of the Clerk and Treasurer. The right is reserved to reject any or all of the bids.
W. H. NORTHROP, Jr., Ch'm Public Buildings.
dec 31 3t thr sun

To Have a Happy
AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR
Eat Hog Jowl and Peas.
LADY PEAS, GRAY EYE PEAS,
BLACK EYE PEAS.
SMOKED HOG JOWLS.
Sold by
S. W. SANDERS,
At the "Unlucky Corner."
dec 31 tf

Notice.
THE UNDERSIGNED OFFERS HIS SERVICES to the public as accountant, copyist or in revising manuscripts on literary or scientific subjects on reasonable terms for such work.
JAS. G. BURR,
dec 30 tf No. 419 Mulberry street.

Collector's Notice.
HAVING BEEN APPOINTED COLLECTOR of the estate of C. H. Capps, deceased, by the Clerk of the Superior Court of New Hanover County, I hereby notify all persons indebted to the said C. H. Capps to make immediate payment to me, and those to whom the said Capps was indebted at the time of his death will present their claims to me before the 30th day of December, 1897, or this notice will be plead in bar of recovery.
THOS. J. GORE,
dec 30 tf Collector.

The Morning Star.

By WILLIAM H. BERNARD.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

TUESDAY MORNING, JAN. 5, 1897

OUR MERCHANT MARINE.

One of the questions which has engaged the attention of Congress more or less for some years has been our merchant marine, which now cuts such a poor figure when compared with the shipping of other, even comparatively insignificant nations. There seems to be among our statesmen a growing desire to do something to encourage the building and running of American ships but the difficulty seems to be to agree upon some plan, for here as in many other questions selfishness and greed come in the way of a liberal, broad gauge policy. With the Republicans the favorite idea seems to be subsidies, which is equivalent to indirectly building the ships and making them a present to some company which will agree to manage and run them. This is practically what subsidies amount to in the end, for if this Government obligates itself to pay a steamship company so many thousands of dollars for every trip one of its vessels makes to some foreign port it is only a question of time and trips when the Government will have paid for the ship. We have some subsidized steamers on the Pacific, and one subsidized line—the American, with four steamers—running from New York to Southampton, to which we pay a subsidy of $14,000 for every round trip, but this isn't giving much of a stimulus to the building of ocean steamers. Of these American line steamers two were built in this country and two in England, while the fleet on the Pacific has not much more than held its own, Japan coming in as a competitor, and already getting the larger part of the Pacific carrying trade.

The advocates of the subsidy plan say that the reason why Japan is coming to the front as the leading marine power on the Pacific is because of the liberal bounties given to Japanese ship builders. That may be one of the reasons but not the only one, for while Japan pays subsidies to Japanese ship builders she does not put her people who wish to engage in ocean carrying in the power of those builders by practically compelling them to buy ships built in Japan, but gives them the privilege to buy their ships wherever they can buy or have them built to the best advantage, and thus the Japanese builder is forced to build as good a ship and sell it at as reasonable a price as the builders of other nations, and they are trying to do that, having already turned out some admirable ships.

We pursue a different course and in order to encourage ship sailing offer bounties, but to protect the American ship builder prohibit the sailer of a ship from buying his ship in another country and sailing it under the American flag. There are millions of dollars of American money invested in ships not one of which carries the American flag on the high seas, except the subsidized ones to which we have referred.

Senator Perkins, of California, seems to have struck on a new idea, although it isn't quite clear whether his aim was to give a boost to American ships or to put the brakes on immigration. In the discussion of the immigration bill before the adjournment for the holidays, he proposed a *per capita* tax of $10 on every immigrant arriving in any other than an American ship, the effect of which would, of course, be to give American ships a decided advantage in the competition in carrying immigrants, as every immigrant would save $10, nearly as much as would pay his fare, by coming in on American ship. He doubtless calculated that this would encourage Americans to run ships for that kind of business and it probably would, for it is a pretty big business taken in the aggregate, but as it looked too much like a disposition to shut the gates in the face of immigrants, especially as we have so few ships for them to take passage in, the proposition didn't strike the Senators very favorably.

Commenting upon this the New York *Sun* gives editorially some reasons why other nations lead us on the high seas. We make the following extract, which shows what an insignificant figure our ocean ships cut compared with the ships of other nations running from our own ports, and they cut none at all running from other ports:

"Senator Nelson produced a list of the world's merchant marine, in which Great Britain came first 'with a total tonnage of 12 298 539 and 40,000,000 people;' next our country, 'with a tonnage of 2,334,735 and 72,000,000 people;' third, Germany, with a tonnage of 1,943,761 and 45,000,000 people; fourth, and perhaps most striking of all, little Norway, with 1,660,468 tons and only 2,000,000 people,' and fifth, France, with 1,199,578 tons and 39,000,000 people.

"But while our enormous coastwise marine gives us so creditable a place on this list, when we turn to the transoceanic carrying trade we are far in arrears. Taking the lines between this country and Europe, it appears that over 300 foreign vessels are licensed to carry passengers; and dismissing those that chiefly carry freight and, indeed, all but the great trans-Atlantic passenger lines, we find the Hamburg line with eight steamers, the Cunard and North German Lloyd with six, the White Star, Red Star, Anchor and Wilson four each, the Thingvalla, Holland and Atlantic (to the Mediterranean) three each, the Havre and the Allen State to Glascow two each. Here, then, are forty-nine steamers of foreign lines to one American line with four steamers."

Out of 800 licensed passenger steamers entering our ports, only four carry the American flag, these subsidized, and only two of them built in American ship yards, but two of the best that sail the seas. What a showing for a great commercial nation, with 70,000,000 of the most enterprising, progressive people in the world.

It may be true, as the *Sun* says, that some other nations can operate their ships cheaper than we can because they do not pay their crews as high wages as we pay, nor feed them as well, but the difference in the cost of operating cannot be a matter of such moment as to give them the lead of us and put us so far in the rear; and if that were the case it would not be the case long for if we had the ships the higher wages paid would soon attract the sailors from other countries and the ship owners of these countries would be forced to raise wages to keep the labor they needed.

The main reason is the cost of the construction of ships which through our narrow-minded class legislation costs about thirty per cent. more in this country than it does in the other principal ship-building countries of the world. With this difference against him of course the American who wishes to go into the ocean-carrying business is hopelessly handicapped.

MINOR MENTION.

The probabilities are that the Nicaragua canal will attract more or less attention from the present and doubtless from the succeeding Congress. After all the talk in Congress and out of Congress, notwithstanding the popular favor and endorsement with which that measure has been received, very little progress has been made in it outside of the appointment of a committee which went to the isthmus, remained some time and reported. This committee concluded that a canal was practicable, but not on the line mapped out by the canal company, and that it would cost from 50 to 100 per cent. more than the company's estimates. Of course if this Government contemplates taking an interest in that project, and assuming any monetary or other responsibility, business sense would suggest ascertaining in advance as far as practicable the feasibility of such a scheme and its probable cost, for if it guaranteed the interest on a given amount of bonds and that amount proved insufficient to complete the work, the Government would have the interest to pay, and an unfinished canal on hand, compelling it either to lose what it had put in or put up more and finish the job. The isthmus is not so far off, and the work of making a survey and estimating the probable cost, such a difficult one that it might not be done in a reasonable time, and done with something like definiteness. This will prove, if completed, a great enterprise for this country, and especially for the South, which would reap immense benefit from it. The sooner the work is done, if done at all, and it should be done, the sooner the better.

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Whether Cuba achieve her independence or not the outlook is not a very cheerful one for her, for in the event of securing what she is so gallantly fighting for, it will take her years to recover from the exhaustion and ruin caused by this pitiless war. But if she fail then will her lot be wretched indeed, even if Spain grant the Governmental reforms hinted at. It is said that the debt of Cuba now amounts to $425,000,000, which includes the cost of the present war, it being the rule with Spain to charge up to Cuba the cost of the wars that break out on the island. Cuba has very little to pay debts with but sugar and tobacco, and these are not and will not henceforth be the profitable crops they once were, for Florida will become a competitor in tobacco and the world is with the expanding area of sugar beet culture becoming more and more a competitor. With such a debt, which is increasing at the rate of $2,000,000 or $3,000,000 a month, there will be little inducement for people to venture on investments in the island after peace is restored, unless other than Spanish rulers control her destinies. If this should be and the Cubans be again compelled to bow to the Spanish yoke the eternal shame will be upon this country.

— Lady—Let me look at some cuff links, please.

Clerk—Ah, yes. I suppose you want something choice for the young gentleman who is to—

Lady—I am looking for something for my husband.

Clerk—Oh, pardon me. You will find the plated goods in the rear part of the store.—*Cleveland Leader.*

Bucklen's Arnica Salve.

THE BEST SALVE in the world for Cuts, Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt Rheum, Fever Sores, Tetter, Chapped Hands, Chilblains, Corns, and all Skin Eruptions and positively cures Piles or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by R. R. BELLAMY. †

For Over Fifty Years

MRS. WINSLOW'S SOOTHING SYRUP has been used for over fifty years by millions of mothers for their children while teething, with perfect success. It soothes the child, softens the gums, allays all pain, cures wind colic, and is the best remedy for Diarrhœa. It will relieve the poor little sufferer immediately. Sold by Druggists in every part of the world. Twenty five cents a bottle. Be sure and ask for "Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup," and take no other kind." †

SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

— Charlotte *News*: A shooting scrape occurred near Caldwell station Friday night in which Charles Johnson shot George Fisher in the stomach, causing a wound that will probably prove fatal. Both parties are colored.

— Marion *Messenger*: Two men, Joe Owens and Judge Powers, colored, made an attack on Mr. Archie Huddleston, an old man in Racket township, recently. He was left for dead. It seems the attack was for the purpose of robbery. They were lodged in jail in default of bond to await the next term of court. We have since learned that they knocked the old man down as he came out of his store, taking some money from him.

— High Point *Enterprise*: Thomas Kennedy, who lives five miles west of High Point, was in town on Chistmas eve, and although he was 92 years of age he was feeling as young and gay as ever. —— It is reported that revenue officers made a successful raid in Boone township, Davidson county, last Thursday night. There were several officers. Vick Davis was the leader. Five illicit stills, it is said, were cut up and a large amount of blockade whiskey seized.

— Greensboro *Record*: An extra train of eight cars passed here this morning en route from Norfolk to Alabama, loaded exclusively with Italians. They came from New York, or at least shipped from that place to Norfolk, where the Southern received them and took them on their way. They were going to Alabama and other places to work in the coal mines. They were a motly set, with about six children to every two people.

— Maxton *Scottish Chief*: The coupling of an empty box car next to the engine tender of the east bound night freight broke on the C C. R. R about four miles above Maxton before day Friday morning. There was a dense fog and the parting of the train had not been discovered by the engine crew until they had run considerably ahead of the cars. After blowing signals, while the engine was slowing down, the cars smashed into the engine, battering the tender badly and demolishing the front car. There was a negro named Mack Moody, of this place, who was stealing a ride in this car. He was horribly mangled, death resulting almost instantly. Deceased was about twenty years of age.

CURRENT COMMENT.

—— Those persons who are urging Mark Hanna for Secretary of the Navy evidently imagine that his experience in handling the floating vote might enable him to do something with the Texas.—*Washington Post, Ind.*

—— Mr. McKinley has the true old Irish hatred of the British lion that his ancestor acquired at the battle of the Boyne. He is going to send a man to England who can be depended upon to hunt that lion to his single certain lair, which is the dinner table, and there—; but why indulge in axioms? The lion should promptly attend to his testamentary affairs and order his coffin.—*Wash. Times, Dem.*

—— In the old days of the Ashland district the Lexington hemp ring was responsible for any number of scandals, and when the vigorous efforts of Mr. Breckinridge destroyed it by having hemp put on the free list his action was approved by the whole district. Now an attempt is to be made to protect hemp and bring back corruption under the plea of benefitting a small number of hemp growers. — *Louisville Courier-Journal, Dem.*

—— Mr. Debs may represent himself in his ideas of Socialism, but he does not represent any material portion of the people who supported Bryan for President. Democracy is the antithesis of Socialism. It opposes governmental paternalism in all forms. It is the doctrine of individualism, individual effort, individual liberty, individual equality in the opportunities of life, unrestricted by governmental favors to privileged classes.—*Indianapolis Sentinel, Dem.*

TWINKLINGS.

— Tacker—"That sailors' chorus was awful. What was the matter?"

Stage Manager—"The tars couldn't get the right pitch."—*Philadelphia Record*

— "Willie, why do you behave so to your little sister? You've been bossing her around all day."

"We're only playing, ma," pleaded Jennie in her brother's behalf. "He's pa and I'm you."—*Harper's Bazar.*

— Medium (to party at sitting)—The spirit of your deceased husband desires to converse with you.

Wife—Huh! If he ain't got no more spirit now than he had when he died, he ain't worth troubling about.—*New York World.*

— Dismal Dawson—This here paper says the greatest crime is committed in the localities that goes Prohibition.

Hungry Higgins—Of course. Wot greater crime could they be than goin' Prohibition?—*Indianapolis Journal.*

— She—"No, thank you; I don't care to know him. He is the most detestable person."

He—"There must be some mistake. Everybody speaks well of him."

She—"I don't care. He was one of the judges at the dog show and he would give poor little Fido a prize."—*Puck.*

The best way to cure disease is to drive it from the system by purifying the blood with Hood's Sarsaparilla. †

New Use For Blotters.

The clerk at the drug store noticed that the lady he was waiting upon had had her attention attracted by some blotters bearing an advertisement. So he wrapped a couple of them around the lady's purchase. The proprietor of the establishment was not a little surprised about a week later to receive a letter from the lady saying that she had worn those blotters on her chest constantly, and she was pleased to say that a soreness in the lungs from which she had suffered for years had entirely disappeared.—Boston Transcript.

A Friendly Hint.

The small cigar cutters generally seen in tobacco stores seem to exercise a strange fascination over some people. It seems that few people can stand near one of these machines without playing with it, and sometimes there is a finger cut. A dealer has a clever scheme by which to obviate this danger. A small sign upon the cutter reads, "For cigars, not fingers."—Exchange.

Shiahs and Sunnis.

Mohammedans divide themselves into two principal sects—Shiah and Sunni—the Persians representing the bulk of the former, the Turks of the latter. The chief points on which they differ are the condition of the soul after death and the succession of caliphs. "The Sunni belief is that there is one immortal God, whose works are without beginning or end, and that he will be visible to the souls of the blessed, while the Shiahs deny the immortality of the soul and maintain that the coexistent principles of Zoroaster will forever contend for the mastery." With regard to the prophet's successors, the Sunnis claim that the lawful successor of Mohammed was Abu Bekr, and after him Omar, Osman and Ali, nephew and son-in-law of Mohammed. The Shiahs, however, reject the first three and hold that Ali was the only legitimate successor.

Shiahs pray but three times a day, and enjoin pilgrimages to Nejef, Kerbela, Kazimain, Meshed (Persia), Samara and Kum, as well as to Mecca and Medina. Sunnis make pilgrimages only to the two latter cities, and pray five times a day. From this it can be readily understood that the circumstances of the Turks being in possession of the shrines of Nejef (Meshed Ali), Kazimain and Kerbela is most displeasing to devout Shiahs.—Blackwood's Magazine.

How to Punish a Jilt.

"Do you remember," said Mr. Cawker to his wife, "that when the lovely Miss Beacon jilted young Mr. Spudds five years ago to marry Mr. Dillingham she rejected one swore a mighty vow to be revenged on his successful rival?"

"Yes," replied Mrs. Cawker, "I remember it well; but such threats never amount to anything."

"In this case they did. Spudds has filled fat the ancient grudge he bears Dillingham."

"He hasn't killed him, has he?".

"Oh, no. His torture is more lingering than that, my dear."

"What has he done?"

"Dillingham told me of it himself, and I must say that the scheme does Spudds credit in his ingenious cruelty."

"But tell me what it is."

"Well, after the wedding Spudds went and allied himself with a fashionable drapery house in the city, and ever since then he has occupied his time in preparing the most perfectly irresistible descriptions of bargains of all sorts and sending special invitations to Mrs. Dillingham to attend the sales. The poor fellow tells me that he has two mortgages on his house now and expects to go into irretrievable bankruptcy immediately after the next bargains at Spudds' emporium."—London Tit-Bits.

Wandering Needles.

In one of the medical journals a surgeon recorded some years ago a strange instance of the wanderings of a needle in a lady. The patient called upon him, stating that the greater portion of an ordinary sewing needle had broken in the first joint of her left thumb. The surgeon could plainly feel the needle point, but after ineffectual attempts at the extraction of the foreign body he recommended that nothing further should be done lest the attempts to remove it might result in greater injury to the joint.

About a year afterward, however, the patient called upon him to inform him that a day or two previously she had felt a pricking sensation of the right forefinger, and having broken the skin she without difficulty extracted the portion of the lost needle from the point of the finger. If all these facts be correct, as reported, the needle traveled from the left thumb along the arm, across the chest to the right arm, and down the latter to the finger where it was extracted.—Chambers' Journal.

For Dosing Oneself.

A physician recommends rochelle salts for amateur doctoring. He says that it is an excellent thing to, several times a day, take as much of the salts as may be put on a 3 cent piece in a little water; that they will sweeten the stomach and act as a very desirable spring medicine. He also speaks highly of soda, having no patience with those timid people who have an idea that it is a dangerous dose, doing some vague harm to the coating of the intestines.

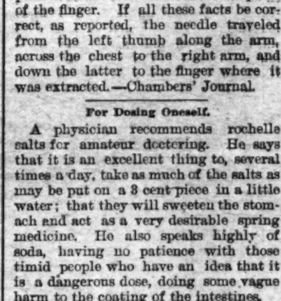
"Why, everything we eat almost has soda in it," he cries in disdain. "It is an admirable thing to take half rochelle salts and half bicarbonate of soda, as directed, several times a day. I know of few gentler and still more beneficent general medicines." — Philadelphia Press.

Soul Culture.

Lillian Whiting, visiting the "Latin quarter" of Boston, tells of asking a daintily gowned young woman sitting in a club parlor if she believed in thought transference. "Oh, I am far beyond that," she replied airily. "I am in the sphere of intense vibrations." Every boy who has stolen the pie and has afterward served as buffer for the maternal slipper will appreciate the meaning of the sphere of intense vibrations. —Minneapolis Journal.

Experience enables me to depose to the comfort and blessing that literature can prove in seasons of sickness; how powerfully intellectual pursuits can help in keeping the head from crazing and the heart from breaking.—Thomas Hood.

Almost Distracted?



DID YOU EVER suffer from real nervousness? When every nerve seemed to quiver with a peculiar, creepy feeling, first in one place, and then another and all seemed finally to concentrate in a writhing jumble in the brain, and you become irritable, fretful and peevish; to be followed by an impotent, weakened condition of the nerve centers, ringing in the ears, and sleepless, miserable nights?

Dr. Miles' Nervine Restores Health.....

Mrs. Eugene Searles, 110 Simonton St., Elkhart, Ind., says: "Nervous troubles had made me nearly insane and physicians were unable to help me. My memory was almost gone and every little thing worried me until I was almost distracted. I really feared I was becoming a maniac. I imagined all sorts of evil things and would cry over nothing. I commenced taking Dr. Miles' Restorative Nervine and four bottles of this wonderful remedy completely cured me, and I am as well now as I ever was."

Dr. Miles' Nervine is sold on guarantee, first bottle will benefit or money refunded.

Dr. Miles' NERVE PLASTERS cure RHEUMATISM, WEAK BACKS. At druggists, only 25c.

"One cent a dose."

No morphine or opium in Dr. Miles' PAIN PILLS Cures All Pain.

For sale by all Druggists. Change.

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One of His Awful Experiences.

"Awful experiences? Yes," said the tramp as he sat at a Holland street kitchen table and cut into the second piece of custard pie.

"I was sleeping soundly in a box car out in Iowa one night last summer, and the wind was blowing like thunder across the plains. Suddenly that car got loose, the brakes broke or something, and it began to crawl along out of the siding and on to the main track. It was nuts for me. I thought the wind wouldn't blow me far, and so I kept on. I stood in the door and saw the houses and fences go by faster and faster, till all of a sudden I realized I was going too fast to get off, and no way of stopping it. Half an hour after we—the car and I—dashed through a little station, and I had just time to see the telegraph operator run out and look after us and then run back to telegraph down the line to clear the track. We were going more than a mile a minute, and my hair was standing on end. Forty miles down the line we went through another station, and on a siding I caught sight of an engine with steam up, and a man with a rope on the cowcatcher. That engine chased us 20 miles down the track. The man with the rope threw it around the brake wheel on top of our car and gradually stopped it, while all the time the wind was blowing a gale.

"We had just got headed back toward the depot when an express train showed up where we should have met it kerchunk—that's good pie." And he took another piece.—Lewiston Journal.

How Sidewalks Are Calked.

A New Yorker who when a boy was accustomed to frequent shipyards and watch the construction of the clipper ships was astonished as he neared Wall street, when walking down Broadway, to hear the familiar sound made by a hammer and maul ringing out on the air. It was a welcome sound and brought to mind a flood of recollections of his boyhood.

On investigating the cause of the sound, he was somewhat surprised to discover a ship calker sitting on the pavement carefully calking the cracks between the flagstones of the sidewalk with oakum, while another man followed with a pot of tar. Inquiry brought out the information that it was necessary to make the sidewalk waterproof, owing to the vaults which extended out under the pavement. At certain periods the cracks must be recalked, and the operation is quite an expensive one. The trade of ship calking, like many other things, is not enjoying the most prosperous time in its history.

The decline of wooden ships, brought about by the demand for those of iron and steel, has caused many calkers to turn to other trades for work.—New York Times.

Wanted to Punch Her.

The curly haired, mild little woman at the cashier's desk in a Park row beanery renowned for its piety as well as its beans glared fiercely at a demure waitress standing by the draw one counter and called out, with seeming vicious intent in her tone:

"Sixteen, come over here till I punch you!"

"I have been punched once," pleaded Sixteen with a pout that seemed to the surprised man who was paying his check to threaten tears.

"Well," said the cashier imperiously, "come over here till I punch you again. I didn't punch you good."

Sixteen tripped over to the onyx pulpit and handed her checkbook to the cashier, who figured up the stubs and then punched an O. K. hole in the book.

"Tell all the other girls to come up and let me punch 'em again," said the cashier to Sixteen.

And the man paid for his "one in milk," heaved a sigh of relief at the amicable closing of the incident and wondered afresh at the oddities of beanery English.—New York Sun.

The Fretful Ones.

There is the wife who is stunned and miserable because she discovers that marriage is not a lasting picnic; who cannot realize that the husband must be different from the lover, and spends her days in impotent whining. She is always being neglected and always taking offense; she has an insatiable craving for attentions, and needs continual assurances of affection, wasting her time and feelings in getting up pathetic scenes of accusation, which finally weary and then alienate her husband. Her own fault! There is nothing a man hates more than a woman going sobbing and complaining about the house with red eyes, unless it be a woman with whom he must live in a perpetual fool's paradise of perfection.

There are also discontented wives who goad their husbands into extravagant expenditure and urge them to projects from which they would naturally recoil. There are others whose social ambitions slay their domestic ones, and who strain every nerve, in season and out of season, and lose all their self respect for a few crumbs of contemptuous patronage from some person of greater wealth than their own. Some wives fret if they have no children, others just as much if children come. In the first case they are disappointed; in the second inconvenienced, and in both discontented. Some lead themselves and others wretched lives because they have not three times as many servants as are necessary; a still greater number because they cannot compass a life of constant amusement and excitement.—North American Review.

A Bonnet to Order.

A prominent Detroit firm having a millinery department in their store received the following mail order for a bonnet from a patron who wrote that she lived "where millinery is not of a high order." She therefore sent the following:

"Direcktions for bonnet.—Mazure of head from ear to ear over top of the head 12 inches, from ear to ear under my chin 9½ inches; from forehead to back hare 7 inches. I want a black lase bonnet with streamers and rozetts of red or yallow satting ribbon an would like a bunch of pink Rozes or a blue ploom behind with a black jett buckel. If artifishels is still all the go I want a bunch of grapes or a bird's tale somewhares. I do not dezire anything too fansy, but if you think a reath of pansies would look good you may put one on. I have some good pink ribbon here at home so you need not put on strings."—Detroit Free Press.

In the Finnish Woods.

Our way lay through a forest ravaged here and there by fire. The mosses along the road were beautiful, and, indeed, everywhere in Finland where I went I saw much beauty on the ground, not merely in the way of flowers, but of leaves, some of which lie by me as I write, still glowing as when first gathered, and sprays of moss which are long feathering trails of marvelous loveliness. The lichens and fungi add purples, yellows and reds in every shade, so that the artist's palette might soon be exhausted in painting these rich carpets of gorgeous coloring.—"Vignettes of Finland."

Charity.

Charity is a universal duty, which it is in every man's power sometimes to practice, since every degree of assistance given to another, upon proper motives, is an act of charity, and there is scarcely any man in such a state of imbecility as that he may not, on some occasions, benefit his neighbor.—Johnson.

Mississippi has been called the Bayou State from the long stretches of almost stagnant water—back water of the Mississippi river—found within the limits of the state.

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QUARTERLY MEETINGS.

Rev. R. C. Beaman, recently appointed by the North Carolina Annual Conference of the M. E. Church, South, Presiding Elder of the Wilmington District, has made his appointments for the first round, as follows:

Wilmington, Fifth Street church, January 2, 3.
Wilmington, Grace church, January 9, 10.
Southport, January 16, 17.
Scott's Hill circuit, at Scott's Hill, January 23, 24.
Wilmington, at Market Street, January 31.
Wilmington, Bladen Street (night), January 31.
Burgaw circuit, at Rocky Point, February 6, 7.
Clinton circuit, at Keeners, February 13, 14.
Jacksonville and Richlands, at Jacksonville, February 20, 21.
Elizabeth circuit, at Elizabethtown, February 27, 28.
Kenansville circuit, at Kenansville, March 6, 7.
Onslow circuit, at Queen's Creek, March 13, 14.
Brunswick circuit, at Concord, March 20, 21.
Columbus circuit, Evergreen, March 27, 28.
Whiteville and Fair Bluff, Whiteville (night), March 28.
Waccamaw circuit, Shiloh, March 30.
Magnolia circuit, Magnolia, April 3, 4.
Bladen circuit, at Bethlehem, April 10, 11.

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BAGGING—			
2 ℔ Jute		@	6
Standard		@	6¾
WESTERN SMOKED—			
Hams ℔ ℔	19	@	14
Sides ℔ ℔	6	@	7
Shoulders ℔ ℔	6	@	6¼
DRY SALTED—			
Sides ℔ ℔	6½@		6¾
Shoulders ℔ ℔		@	4¾
BARRELS—Spirit Turpentine—			
Second-hand, each	1 00	@	1 10
New New York, each	1 35	@	1 40
New City, each		@	1 40
BEESWAX ℔ ℔	22	@	24
BRICKS—			
Wilmington ℔ M	6 50	@	7 00
Northern	9 00	@	14 00
BUTTER—			
North Carolina ℔ ℔	15	@	
N rthern	22	@	
CORN MEAL—			
Per Bushel, in sacks	40	@	42½
Virginia Meal	40	@	42½
COTTON TIES—℔ bundle		@	1 60
CANDLES—℔ ℔—			
Sperm	18	@	22
Adamantine	9	@	10
CHEESE—℔ ℔—			
Northern Factory	10	@	11
Dairy, Cream	11	@	12
State		@	10
COFFEE—℔ ℔—			
Laguyra	20	@	
Rio	10	@	16
DOMESTICS—			
Sheeting, 4-4, ℔ yard		@	6¾
Yarns, ℔ bunch	18	@	20
EGGS—℔ dozen		@	20
FISH—			
Mackerel, No 1, ℔ barrel	22 00	@	27 00
Mackerel, No 1, ℔ half-barrel	11 00	@	13 50
Mackerel, No 2, ℔ barrel	16 00	@	18 00
Mackerel, No 2, ℔ half-barrel	8 00	@	9 00
Mackerel, No 3, ℔ barrel	13 00	@	14 00
Mullets, ℔ barrel	3 00	@	3 01
Mullets, ℔ pork barrel	5 75	@	6 50
N C. Roe Herring, ℔ keg	3 00	@	3 25
Dry Cod, ℔ ℔	5	@	10
" Extra	3 25	@	3 50
FLOUR—℔ barrel—			
Low grade		@	3 75
Choice		@	4 50
Straight	5 00	@	5 25
Fine Patent	5 50	@	5 75
GLUE—℔ ℔	7½@		8¾
GRAIN—℔ bushel—			
Corn, from store, bags—White,	48½@		48
Corn, cargo, in bulk—White	40	@	43½
Corn, cargo, in bags—White	40	@	43½
Oats, from store	30	@	32½
Oats, Rust Proof	40	@	45
Cow Peas	45	@	50
HIDES, ℔ ℔			
Green		@	14
Dry		@	8
HAY, ℔ 100 ℔—			
Eastern		@	1 00
Western		@	90
North River		@	85
HOOP IRON, ℔ ℔	3	@	3¼
LARD, ℔ ℔—			
Northern	5½@		6¼
North Carolina	5	@	10
LIME, ℔ barrel		@	1 15
LUMBER(city sawed), ℔ M feet—			
Ship Stuff, resawed	18 00	@	1000
Rough-edge Plank	15 00	@	16 00
West India cargoes, according to quality	12 00	@	18 00
Dressed Flooring, seasoned	18 00	@	22 00
Scantling and Board, common	14 00	@	15 00
MOLASSES, ℔ gallon—			
New Crop Cuba, in hhds		@	32
" in bbls		@	35
Porto Rico, in hhds	27	@	30
" in bbls		@	30
Sugar-House, in hhds	12	@	14
" in bbls	14	@	16
Syrup, in bbls	18	@	
NAILS, ℔ keg, Cut 20d basis		@	2 00
PORK, ℔ barrel—			
City Mess	9 00	@	9 25
Rump		@	9 75
Prime		@	8 50
ROPE, ℔ ℔	10	@	12
SALT, ℔ sack Coarse		@	85
Liverpool		@	85
Ladoo		@	
American		@	65
On 100 ℔ Sacks	40	@	45
SHINGLES, 5-inch, ℔ M	5 00	@	6 50
Common	1 50	@	2 50
Cypress Saps	3 50	@	3 50
SUGAR, ℔ ℔—Standard Granu'd		@	4¾
Standard A		@	4¾
White Ex. C		@	4¾
Extra C, Golden	4	@	4¼
C, Yellow		@	3¾
SOAP, ℔ ℔—Northern	3½@		4
STAVES, ℔ M—W. O. barrel	8 00	@	14 00
R. O. Hogshead		@	10 00
TIMBER, ℔ M feet—Shipping		@	7 00
Mill, Prime		@	7 00
Mill, Fair		@	6 00
Common Mill	4 00	@	5 00
Inferior to Ordinary		@	3 00
TALLOW, ℔ ℔	3	@	3¼
WHISKEY, ℔ gallon—Northern	1 20	@	2 20
North Carolina	1 00	@	1 00

COMMERCIAL.

WILMINGTON MARKET.

STAR OFFICE, January 4.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Market firm at 23 cents per gallon for machine-made casks, and 24½ cents for country casks.

ROSIN.—Market firm at $1 45 per bbl for Strained and $1 50 for Good Strained.

TAR.—Market quiet at $1 00 per bbl of 280 lbs.

CRUDE TURPENTINE.—Dull. Hard 1 40, Yellow Dip 1 90, and Virgin 1 80 per barrel.

Quotations same day last year—Spirits turpentine 00@00c; rosin, strained, $1 30; good strained $1 35; tar $0 90, crude turpentine $1 10, 1 40, 1 80.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits Turpentine	46
Rosin	1,884
Tar	246
Crude Turpentine	14

Receipts same day last year—111 casks spirits turpentine, 584 bbls rosin, 138 bbls tar, 75 bbls crude turpentine.

COTTON

Market firm on a basis of 6½c for middling. Quotations:

Ordinary	4¼	cts ℔ lb
Good Ordinary	5¾	" "
Low Middling	6¼	" "
Middling	6¾	" "
Good Middling	6 15-16	" "

Same day last year, middling 7¼c.

Receipts—361 bales; same day last year 87.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

PEANUTS—North Carolina—Prime, 40@50c per bushel of 28 pounds; Extra Prime, 55c; Fancy, 60@65c. Virginia—Extra Prime, 60@65c; Fancy, 65@70c.

CORN—Firm; 38 to 40 cents per bushel.

ROUGH RICE—65@70 cents per bushel.

N. C. BACON—Steady; Hams, 8 to 11½c per pound; Shoulders, 6 to 7c; Sides, 7 to 8c.

SHINGLES—Per thousand, five inch, hearts and saps, $1.50 to 2.25; six inch, $2.50 to 3 50; seven inch, $3 50 to 6.50.

TIMBER—Market steady at $3.00 to 7.50 per M.

DOMESTIC MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

FINANCIAL.

NEW YORK, January 4—Evening.—Money on call to-day was easy at 1½@3 per cent; last loan at 1¾ per cent, closing offered at 1¾ per cent. Prime mercantile paper 4 per cent. Sterling exchange steady and quiet; actual business in bankers bills 488¾@484 for sixty days and 486¼@488¼ for demand. Commercial bills 482½@483¼. Government bonds steady; United States coupon fours 111; United States twos 95½; State bonds dull; North Carolina fours 100; North Carolina sixes 121. Railroad irregular.

Silver at the Stock Exchange to day was neglected.

COMMERCIAL.

NEW YORK, January 4—Evening.—Cotton dull; middling 7¼c.

Cotton futures closed barely steady; January 6 80, February 6 85, March 6 93, April 7 00, May 7 07, June 7 13, July 7 17, August 7 19, September and October 6 98, November 6 98. Sales 115,900 bales.

Cotton—net receipts 938 bales; gross 3,947 bales; exports to Great Britain — bales; to France — bales; to the Continent — bales; forwarded 458 bales; sales 19,500 bales; sales to spinners — bales; stock 299,197 bales.

Total to-day—Net receipts 58,968 bales; exports to Great Britain 28,035 bales; to France — bales; to the Continent 5,274 bales; stock 1,351,824 bales.

Total so far this week—Net receipts 58,968 bales; exports to Great Britain 28,035 bales; to France — bales; to the Continent 5,724 bales.

Total since September 1—Net receipts 4,973,384 bales; exports to Great Britain 1,935,615 bales; exports to France 419,674 bales; exports to the Continent 1,100,928 bales.

Flour was quiet and steady at prices; winter wheat, low grades $2 20@3 30; fair to fancy $3 35@4 75; do patents $4 90@5 25; Minnesota clear $3 30@4 00; patents $4 25@5 35; low extra $2 20@3 30. Southern flour was dull but steady; common to fair extra $3 00@3 55; good to choice $3 55@3 85. Wheat—spot dull and irregular, closing steady; free on board 99¾; ungraded red 80c@$1 00; options advanced 1¾@1¾c declining 1¾@1¾c, and closing steady at ¼ advance to ¼c decline; No. 2 red January 93c; March 93½c; May 89¾c; July 86c. Corn—spot dull and firm; No. 2 29¾ at elevator and 30¾c afloat; options were dull, firm and unchanged, with trading entirely local; January 29¾c; May 31¾c. Oats—spot firm and fairly active; options dull and ¼c up to ¼c down; January 22¼c; February 23¾c; May 23¾c; spot prices—No. 2, 23¼c; No. 2 white 24¼c; mixed Western 23@24c. Lard quiet and easier; Western steam $4 07½; city $3 62½@3 70. January

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SING AGAIN.

You sang me a song,
'Twas the close of the year.
Sing again!
I cannot remember the name
Or the words.
'Tis the same
We listen to hear
When the windows are open in spring
And the air's full of birds.
One calls from the branch some sweet thing,
And one sings on the wing
The refrain.
You sang me a song
My heart thrilled to hear.
The refrain
Has run like a fillet of gold
Through the woof
Of the cold
Dark days of a year.
Tonight there's a year at its start,
All the birds are aloof.
Your eyes hold the sun for my part,
And the spring's in your heart.
Sing again!
—Scribner's Magazine.

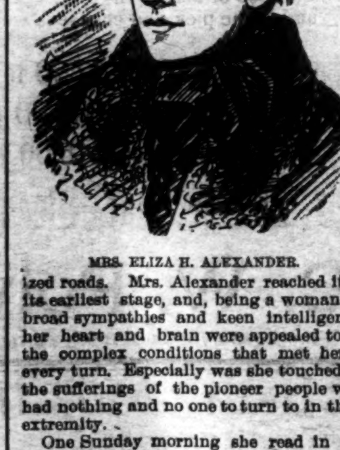
WOMAN AND HOME.

HOW A WOMAN ESTABLISHED A HOSPITAL IN A DAY.

The Fretful Ones—Starch or Bran Wash Water—The Cultivation of the Voice. The Unnecessary "No"—Treatment For Wrinkles—Dress and Effects.

Every modern individual has been made aware of the fact that Rome was not built in a day, but here is an instance of a hospital that was—at least the idea was conceived one Sunday, and on Wednesday the hospital was an accomplished fact, though it had not been constructed, stone upon stone, in that space of time. The project originated in the fertile brain of a woman, Mrs. Eliza H. Alexander, and she it was who, almost in the twinkling of an eye, obtained a suitable building, made it ready for its purpose, secured a lady to act as nurse and a doctor to prescribe for the three patients found waiting to become the institution's first inmates.

It all came about in this wise. Mrs. Alexander went to visit her son in Sedro, Washington state. Sedro is one of those marvels of western civilization—at first a lumber mill and postoffice, reached by the river alone, and in a year's time a prosperous town, with half a dozen lines of cars leading to it, shops, hotels and macadamized roads.



MRS. ELIZA H. ALEXANDER.

Mrs. Alexander reached it in its earliest stage, and, being a woman of broad sympathies and keen intelligence, her heart and brain were appealed to by the complex conditions that met her at every turn. Especially was she touched by the sufferings of the pioneer people who had nothing and no one to turn to in their extremity.

One Sunday morning she read in the little sheet that was an apology for a paper of a woman who lay dying and leaving behind her a little baby 8 days old. On inquiry Mrs. Alexander learned that it was a case of death simply from lack of proper attention, as nothing was yet provided for sick folks in Sedro. Services were held each Sunday morning in a temporary room that answered for a church in this western wild.

After service this Sunday Mrs. Alexander, who had been all the morning pondering the poor, dying woman's case, spoke to a few ladies present and asked them to join with her in providing help for the case in hand and for future emergencies. On the spot they formed the St. Elizabeth's guild, whose object would be to start a hospital and nursery and whatever other charities might become necessary from time to time.

At once Mrs. Alexander called upon the gentlemen of the land company and succeeded in securing from them the use of rooms in a vacant building. Bright and early on Tuesday morning she managed to get a big lumber wagon and started it on a foraging mission. She stopped at every habitation along her route, and before she had made the circuit of the camp she had stored in her wagon as donations from the Sedro inhabitants everything in the way of furnishing needed to put her hospital under headway.

The next step was to find some one to be left in charge of the hospital and its patients. A refined woman was discovered whose husband had been unfortunate, and who was left with three children on her hands. She was installed as matron, and her little ones became the nursery's first inmates. The first patient put in an appearance at once, one William Cameron, already delirious with typhoid pneumonia, alone and helpless in the lumber camp. He was cared for and soon recovered, declaring the embryo hospital "a heaven on earth."

Such was the inception of the St. Elizabeth hospital at Sedro a short time since. Today it is a flourishing institution, and all due to the efforts of one energetic and great hearted woman, Mrs. Eliza H. Alexander, one of whose tenets is to take hold and do with a will the thing that lies nearest at hand and not wait for some great visionary enterprise that shall lie in the dim future.—Carolyn Halsted in Chicago Record.

Solid Cookery.

"I made these biscuits myself, Billiger," said Mrs. McSwat, with honest pride.

"They look very nice, Lobelia," replied Mr. McSwat, picking one of them up and making an effort to split it. "And they are still hot. How long ago did you—ah—cast them?"—Chicago Tribune.

DUCKS DROWN AN EAGLE.

Alleged Exploit Attributed to Crow Ducks on the Potomac.

If a writer for The American Field is to be believed, the crow duck is a most extraordinary bird on the Potomac river, cutting up such capers as to make even a naturalist gasp.

"Four years ago," he writes, "while shooting ducks with Mr. Waller, I noticed a flock of 3,000 or 4,000 crow ducks. After half an hour I noticed an eagle going toward the flock. When he arrived at the proper distance, he made a dart, but the ducks, as if by magic, went under water like a flash and sent up a volume as if a big mine had been exploded. This was done time and time again, and finally the volume of water thrown up was so great that the eagle was nearly drowned. An old ducker once told me that he once witnessed the same scene and that the eagle was drowned. This is a sight seldom seen, which may occur but once in a ducking life of 50 years."

This crow duck is also known as the American coot, mud hen, blue peter and Fulica americana by various hunters and alongshore people. Up north these ducks may be seen in creeks and marshy, reed grown rivers, but south in Florida they resort in enormous numbers to the lakes where bonnets or yellow lilies abound, associating there with lesser scaup ducks. They are shy birds, being much persecuted usually, but in localities where shooting is prohibited, near the Titusville (Fla.) railroad pier, for instance, they are as tame as sparrows, understanding that there they are safe.

The nearest anybody ever came to the drowning eagle story was Frank M. Chapman in his "Birds of Eastern North America," when he says: "When alarmed, they patter over the water, using their feet as much as their wings. The sound produced is a characteristic one." He does not say whether the water flies or not, but one could imagine that a crow duck just as it turned up to dive could give its scalloped webbed feet a kick up behind, like a vicious mule, and so saturating the eagle that it would be drowned. Eagles often catch living fish out of the water, and, of course, get more or less wet in doing so, but perhaps the Potomac river eagles are of a different species than those known to bird books.

Starch or Bran Wash Water.

"Thee will save thy pretty frock from being quite spoiled if thee washes it in starch or bran water," said a sweet old Quaker lady to her small handmaid, who was gazing ruefully at a long, dark grease spot down the front of her almost new print dress. How will one make starch or bran wash water? Easy enough. You may make the starch water of flour or corn starch, exactly as you would make it for starching your clothes, only you will want it in much larger quantity. Four quarts of starch as stiff as cake batter will wash two dresses and several small aprons. Have the starch as smooth as butter and strain through a double piece of netting or thin cheesecloth into the washtub. Two quarts to the first tub, which you can thin with six or eight quarts of warm water.

When making the starch, put in half a teacup of salt. Put your dress in the tub and rub it thoroughly on the worst soiled spots; then rub generally all over. Don't use soap or anything else but elbow grease. Rub through the second starch water the same way; then if the dress is very dark rinse in cold water made very dark with bluing. Hang in the bright sunlight to dry quickly. Never try to wash a nice print dress on a cloudy day. Sprinkle lightly and put to "soak" for an hour before ironing, then iron quickly with good, hot irons on the wrong side, and your frock will look as good as new for several washings if the starch remedy is used.—Washington Star.

The Cultivation of the Voice.

Dr. Hiram Corsen strikes a remarkably true and remarkably practical note when he says that if half the time that the average young woman puts upon piano practice were devoted to a careful cultivation of her "speaking voice" her power to charm (the avowed end and aim of all young womanhood) would be immeasurably increased. "Years may be spent upon her musical education, with the poor results, perhaps, of fine sleight of hand and unimagined fingering, shuffling off the hearer's soul through hurricanes of notes to a noisy Tophet; she may be taught dancing which rivals that of Taglioni and French drawing and painting; she may be sent aboard to snatch the graces beyond the reach of art of the most elegant European society, and yet, in the grand scheme of accomplishments, the speaking voice is left out and entirely neglected, though she have a voice unpleasantly pitched and with other remedial defects, which are far, very far, from idealizing, transfiguring her!" In another place he says: "A woman with a sweet, gracious voice, the index of a sweet, gracious nature, may exert through it, in the ordinary relations of life, without ever knowing it, a better influence than she could by advisedly devoting herself to doing good, if such devotion took the form of distributing religious tracts. The moral atmosphere of a home may be not a little due to the voice of the wife and mother."

The Unnecessary "No."

How often do we hear the mother of a family of little children say in answer to some request: "No; you cannot do it! Go and sit down and keep quiet."

The little one turns away, but almost immediately begins teasing.

"If you do not stop your teasing, I will punish you," she says, and perhaps there is a little box of the ears or a shaking to emphasize the threat, but again the child begins and continues until the mother, worn out with importunity, exclaims: "Well, do go and stop your noise! I am so tired of this everlasting teasing!"

The logical result of such a course is that the child very early learns to worry and nag until it gets what it wants. This is the beginning of trouble, and the sort of trouble that knows no end. Brought up on these lines, it is impossible for a child to have a healthy, well regulated mental and moral condition. It is in a fair way to become a nuisance to itself and everybody else. A child should be taught, among its earliest lessons, absolute respect for authority, and the parent or guardian ought to be put through a course of training and impressed with the idea that "no" means "no" and should never be worried and nagged into meaning "yes."

Absolute firmness, with gentleness and good judgment, is imperatively necessary if one would raise up a well regulated, amiable, sweet tempered and manageable child.—New York Ledger.

When Economy Economizes.

"Will it pay?" should be the first question asked when looking over the old clothes with a view to making over. Time should be considered first, and if it can be put to a better use then let the garment go and buy a new one. If time will permit, then consider whether the garment will look well enough when completed to be satisfactory. Will it have a shabby, made over look, and, if so, will a quantity of new material remove that objection? Then consider the expense of the new goods, make a few figures if necessary, and, once deciding that it is a paying investment, rip, cleanse and make, with a hearty faith in the good results.—Ladies' Home Journal.

He Had Been Treated.

Old Lady (compassionately)—Poor fellow! I suppose your blindness is incurable. Have you ever been treated?

Blind Man (sighing)—Yes, mum, but not often. 'Tain't many as likes to be seen goin into a public house with a blind beggar.—London Tit-Bits.

A Terrible Threat.

Register (to witnesses at a marriage who are talking very loud)—Ladies and gentlemen, if you won't be quiet, I shall marry the lot of you!—Laschalls.

The British Museum Library.

Sir E. Maunde Thompson gives some figures to show the extent of the library of printed books at the British museum and the rate of increase at which it has grown. More than half a century after the foundation of the museum the library had not increased even threefold. In the year 1821 there were less than 116,000 volumes. But 20 years had not elapsed when these had more than doubled in number. In 1838 there were computed to be 235,000 volumes in the department. Twenty years later these again had more than doubled. In 1858 there were 550,000 volumes. Having once obtained an impetus, the mass rapidly increased, and at this moment the number of volumes is calculated to amount to the enormous total of 1,750,000, not counting single sheets or parts of works that are accumulating.

The space which this mass of printed material occupies has to be reckoned in miles. The shelves of the reading room and iron galleries constructed around it, which are known as the new library, all told, extend to more than eight and twenty miles; those in the rest of the department to 11 miles. It may be noticed that this total of 39 miles is nearly the same as that of the shelving of the French National library, according to recent calculations. The prospect of increase of this mileage may be viewed with comparative equanimity in connection with the storage of the ordinary octavos of literature, but when one contemplates the rapid growth of newspapers the limits of the available space within the present buildings are almost within sight.—Westminster Gazette.

A Dog Story.

When the guest of the Rev. Edward H. Ingle in Roanoke, Va., I was asked by Mr. Ingle to make the experiment whether I could bring into my conversation with him the word "holes" without its being curiously noticed by his dog. I tried it more than once, not emphasizing the word or making it louder than any other words. The first time the word "holes" reached his ear the dog looked toward me with an expression of apprehension. The second time he rose, curled his tail between his legs, and stood watchful, as if to know whether he was to be further disturbed. The third time he left the room with unmistakable demonstrations of alarm and shame. Mr. Ingle told me, as the only explanation he could give, that the dog had dug holes in the grass on the lawn and had been sharply reproved and scolded for it, but never punished otherwise.

We have a dog which will do the same thing, for precisely the same reason, on hearing the word "ducks." The little wretch killed a tame duck and was verbally flagellated.—London Spectator.

Treatment For Wrinkles.

The general treatment for wrinkles which have been induced by illness and care and anxiety is great cleanliness, nutritious food, out of door exercise, agreeable occupation of the mind and the cultivation of an equable temper and happy spirit. Whatever tends to promote the general health and to increase the deposit of fat in the skin tissues of the face tends to obliterate lines and wrinkles and to increase the firmness and beauty of the skin. Attention to the diet is of the utmost importance, and massage, if not administered too heroically, is of great benefit. The skin is kept smooth and firm by its padding of fat, and with the loss of flesh and the softening of the muscles from whatever cause the skin loses its support and falls into folds and furrows.

For these premature wrinkles I advise washing of the face frequently with a good, pure soap and warm water and the following lotion applied after the face has been rinsed thoroughly, so that every particle of soap is removed and carefully dried: White wine (Barsac or Graves of cheap quality), 1 pint; powdered alum, 4 grams; rosewater, 50 grams. Dissolve thoroughly and filter. This mixture is indorsed by very high authority as most efficacious in restoring the skin to its original firmness. Apply as often as required. —Harriet Hubbard Ayer in New York Journal.

Dress and Effects.

Felix says American dressmakers make better dresses than the French dressmakers, put better materials into them, fit them just as well, sew them better, and then, he says, spoil them by too much sewing—too much of what I can't translate better than by calling it "cut and driedness." The French study effects and let the details take care of themselves. But they pay a great deal of attention to details of one sort, if not those of another. The Frenchwoman doesn't care whether the stuff is cheesecloth or satin, side plaited or gathered, so long as it makes her look well, but she dotes on having her lingerie, her gloves, her shoes, her veils, her entire outfit, perfectly au fait.

The French mind adores elegancies. It goes into raptures over its own devices in garnitures. French workwomen like to do decorative work in dressmaking, but they hate to finish the inside of a bodice as our American dressmakers feel that they must finish their work. Anybody who has ever tried to make a hat or bonnet knows that she not infrequently secures a good effect in the trial arrangement and spoils it all when the sewing is done by making it look stiff and ugly. The French do not believe in much sewing, and by eschewing as much of it as they can do get graceful, airy effects that are quite their own.—Boston Transcript.

Cold Water In Rooms.

A singular property of ice cold water is that it attracts to itself a large quantity of the poisonous gases which are exhaled through our lungs and our pores. The colder the water the greater its capacity for holding impurities, and water which has stood during the night in a close bedroom is highly injurious to drink. At a normal temperature a pitcher of water will, under these circumstances, probably contain (in the morning) from 1 to 1¼ pints of carbonic gas and a larger proportion of ammonia. When nearly at freezing point, its capacity for imbibing poisons is doubled. As a means of purifying the atmosphere cold water is very useful, especially so in the case of a newly painted room, where basins of water should be set (emptying them every few hours), to collect the poisons given out by fresh paint. But water so used becomes a deadly poison and should be carefully thrown away where no children or domestic animals are likely to taste it.—Philadelphia Record.

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Banking House and Fixtures	10,000 00	Circulation	44,970 00
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Trains on Cheraw and Darlington Railroad leave Florence 8.55 a m, 9.40 a m and 8.00 p m, arrive Darlington 9.28 a m, 10.20 a m and 8.20 p m, leave Darlington 9.31 a m and 10.40 a m, arrive Cheraw 10.40 a m and 12.30 p m, leave Cheraw 12.45 p m, arrive Wadesboro 2.25 p m. Returning leave Wadesboro 3 p m, arrive Cheraw 4.45 p m, leave Cheraw 4.45 p m and 5.15 p m, arrive Darlington 7.10 p m and 6.24 p m. Leave Darlington 7.45 p m, 6.27 and 7.45 a m, arrive Florence 8.40 p m, 6.55 p m and 8.15 a m. Daily except Sunday. Sunday trains leave Floyds 7.30 a m, Darlington 7.45 a m, arrive Florence 8.10 a m. Returning leave Florence 9 a m, Darlington 9.30 a m, arrive Floyds 9.40 a m. Trains leave Gibson 6.15 a m, Bennettsville 6.41 a m, arrive Darlington 7.40 a m, Sumter 9.25 a m. Returning, leave Sumter 6.45 p m, Darlington 8.35 p m, arrive Bennettsville 9.26 p m, Gibson 9.50 p m.

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†Daily except Sunday. *Sunday only.

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Atlantic & North Carolina Railroad

Time Table.

In Effect Wednesday, May 27th, 1896.

GOING EAST. GOING WEST.

3 Passenger Daily Ex Sunday. Arrive	Leave	STATIONS.	4 Passenger Daily Ex Sunday. Arrive	Leave
P. M.	P. M.		A. M.	A. M.
....	3 20	Goldsboro	11 25	....
....	4 12	Kinston............	10 32	....
5 15	5 25	Newbern	9 17	9 30
6 37	6 48	Morehead City....	8 01	8 07
P. M.	P. M.		A. M.	A. M.

Train 4 connects with W. & W. train bound North, leaving Goldsboro at 11 35 a. m., and with Southern Railway train West, leaving Goldsboro 2.00 p. m., and with W. N. & N. at Newbern for Wilmington and intermediate points.

Train 3 connects with Southern Railway train, arriving at Goldsboro 3.00 p. m., and with W. & W. train from the North at 3.05 p. m. No. 1 train also connects with W. N. & N. for Wilmington and intermediate points. S. L. DILL, Sup't.

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SOUTH BOUND DAILY No. 1.	MAIN LINE.	NORTH BOUND DAILY No. 2.
7 45 p. m.	Ar...Wilmington...Lv	7 00 a.
4 35 "	Lv...Fayetteville...Ar	11 00 a m
4 18 "	Ar...Fayetteville...Lv	11 21 "
4 12 "	Ar Fayetteville Junc Lv	11 27 "
2 35 "	Lv.....Sanford.....Lv	1 00 p. m
12 41 "	Lv......Climax......Lv	2 50 "
12 10 "	Lv....Greensboro....Ar	3 18 "
11 55 a m	Ar....Greensboro....Lv	3 25 "
11 07 "	Lv....Stokesdale....Lv	4 10 "
10 32 "	Lv..Walnut Cove...Lv	4 40 "
10 04 "	Lv....Rural Hall...Lv	5 10 "
8 40 "	Lv.....Mt Airy.....Ar	6 35 "

SOUTH BOUND DAILY No. 3.	Bennettsville Division.	NORTH BOUND DAILY No. 4.
7 52 p m	Ar...Bennettsville...Lv	8 30 a. m.
6 17 "	Lv......Maxton......Ar	9 40 "
5 36 "	Lv...Red Springs....Lv	10 18 "
4 45 "	Lv....Hope Mills....Lv	11 01 "
4 28 "	Lv....Fayetteville...Ar	11 19 "

SOUTH BOUND Daily except Sunday. No. 15. MIXED.	Factory and Madison Branches.	NORTH BOUND Daily except Sunday. No. 16. MIXED.
6 00 p m	Ar.....Ramseur.....Lv	6 45 a.
4 15 "	Lv.....Climax.....Lv	8 35 "
3 20 "	Lv...Greensboro...Ar	9 20 "

NORTH BOUND.	No. 16 MIXED; daily ex su
Leave Greensboro	9 35 a. m
Leave Stokesdale	10 17 "
Arrive Madison	11 55 "

SOUTH BOUND.	No. 15. MIXED. daily ex su
Leave Madison	12 30 p m
Leave Stokesdale	1 28 "
Arrive Greensboro	2 40 "

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APRIL 5th, 1896.		No. 41	No. 403
		P. M.	A. M.
Leave Wilmington	S. A. L.	* 3 20	
Arrive Maxton	"	6 12	
Arrive Hamlet	"	6 52	
Leave Hamlet	"	7 15	* 9 10
Arrive Wadesboro	"	8 01	9 53
Arrive Monroe	"	8 56	10 40
Leave Monroe	"	9 10	10 45
Arrive Charlotte	"	10 20	11 35
			P. M.
Arrive Lincolnton	"		12 56
Arrive Shelby	"		1 50
Arrive Rutherfordton	"		3 00
		A. M.	
Leave Hamlet	S. A. L.	† 9 20	
Arrive Osborne	"	9 50	
" Kollock	"	10 25	
" Cheraw	"	10 4?	
			P. M.
Leave Cheraw	S. A. L.		† 3 30
" Kollock	"		5 50
" Osborne	"		6 25
Arrive Hamlet	"		6 50
		P. M.	A. M.
Leave Wilmington	S. A. L.	* 3 20	
" Monroe		9 05	*10 45
Arrive Chester		10 32	12 03
			P. M.
" Clinton		11 58	1 30
		A. M.	
" Greenwood		1 00	2 33
" Abbeville		1 32	2 56
" Elberton		2 35	4 00
" Athens		3 35	5 10
" Atlanta		5 2	6 45
Leave Atlanta	A. & W. P.	5 35	
Ar Montgomery	West of Ala.	10 45	
		P. M.	
Arrive Mobile	L. & N.	4 10	
" New Orleans	"	* 8 30	
		A. M.	P. M.
Arrive Columbia	C. N. & L.	*10 00	* 4 30
		A. M.	P. M.
Arrive Augusta	P. R. & W. C.	† 9 35	* 5 05
			P. M.
Arrive Macon	M & N.		* 6 40

EAST AND NORTH.

APRIL 5th, 1896.		No 38	No 402
			P. M.
Leave Wilmington	S. A. L.		* 3 20
		A. M.	
Arrive Hamlet	"		6 55
Leave Hamlet	"	* 8 15	10 35
Arrive Southern Pines	"	9 15	11 21
			A. M.
" Raleigh	"	11 28	1 21
		P. M.	
" Henderson	"	1 00	2 33
" Weldon	"	* 3 00	* 4 05
		P. M.	A. M.
Arrive Portsmouth	S. A. L.	* 5 50	* 7 30
" Norfolk		6 00	7 50
		P. M.	A. M.
Arrive Richmond	A. C. L.	* 6 40	* 6 40
" Washington	P. R. R.	11 10	10 45
		A. M.	P. M.
" Baltimore	"	12 48	12 03
" Philadelphia	"	3 45	2 20
" New York	"	* 6 53	* 4 53

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SPOTS AND FUTURES.

Net Receipts at the Ports—New York Sun's Review of the Cotton Market.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Jan. 4.—The following are the total net receipts of cotton at all ports since September 1, 1896: Galveston, 1 059,845 bales; New Orleans, 1 487,290; Mobile, 633,830; Charleston, 319,054; Wilmington, 209 215; Norfolk, 666 198; Baltimore, 85 114; New York, 82,603; Boston, 100,905; Newport News, 8 885, Philadelphia, 33,818; West Point, 50; Brunswick, 71 469; Port Royal, 58,194; Pensacola, 30 922; Texas City, 40,816. Total, 4,914 416 bales.

The *Sun* says: Spot cotton here declined 1-16c; 19,500 bales were delivered on contract. Middling uplands 7¾c, against 8 5-16c last year; New Orleans and Gulf 7¾c, against 8 9 16c last year. Dullness was the principal feature of the cotton market to-day. The trading was extremely quiet and mainly of a local character. At first prices advanced slightly in response to higher Liverpool cables, but in the absence of local support the slight improvement was lost and prices slowly receded, closing at the lowest figures of the day. Liverpool reacted after the opening, the reaction there being due to the failure of this market to make an adequate response to the improvement in Liverpool. New Orleans sold rather freely here, and the receipts at the ports, while moderate, were larger than had been expected and tired longs liquidated. The Southern spot markets were firmer in some instances, but the unfavorable advices from Fall River and the financial disturbances at the West checked speculation. It is reported that Eastern spinners are seeking an outlet on the other for their surplus stocks, but as yet nothing reliable is known as to the truth of this report.

GRAIN AND PROVISIONS.

Wheat, Corn and Oats Closed at Lower Prices—Pork Products Also Declined.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CHICAGO, Jan. 4.—Wheat was retrogressive in its action to-day as compared with Saturday. May wheat opened from 85¼ to 85c, declined to 83¾c, closing at 83¾@84¾—⅞@1c under Saturday. Cash wheat was easy and 1c lower.

Corn opened firm and a trifle higher but declined, both actions being in full accord with the course pursued by wheat. Trading was of the slow, unattractive sort and was entirely local in character. May corn opened at 26c, declined to and closed at 25¾—¼c under Saturday. Cash corn sold at steady prices but closed nominally easy.

Oats were easy, the sentiment being guided by that displayed in the wheat market. Little business of importance was noted. May oats closed ¼c lower. Cash oats were steady, but closing nominally easy.

Provisions—The run of hogs at the yards, owing to the recent storm, was light and prices at that place were higher. Product opened under the influence of this fact, but later eased off with wheat. Second reports on the hog market gave a decline, and product sympathized with the weakness. May pork closed 12½c lower; May lard 12½c lower, and May ribs 2½c lower.

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT

Of Stocks, Receipts and Exports of Cotton.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Jan. 4.—The following is the comparative cotton statement for the week ending Jan. 1:

	1896	1895
Net receipts at all United States ports during the week...	217,480	171,979
Total receipts to this date.....	4,914,416	3,465,200
Exports for the week	264,040	168,856
Total exports to this date.....	3,894,455	2,154,434
Stock in all United States ports.....	1,263,816	1,055,950
Stock at all interior towns.....	564,064	553,738
Stock in Liverpool...	999,000	——
American afloat for Great Britain.....	380,000	——

The dispatch boat Dolphin left Washington Sunday for Jacksonville, Fla. She is expected to reach her destination Wednesday, when Commander Clover will report by telegraph to the Navy Department for specific instructions, as by that time some new filibustering movements will require watching.

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L. Warner, a Jewish merchant at Augusta, Ga., while throwing water out of a third-story window, lost his balance and fell to the ground, breaking his neck. He was about sixty-five years of age.

NAVAL STORES MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, January 4.—Rosin steady; strained common to good $1 73½. Spirits turpentine firm at 37@37½c.

CHARLESTON, January 4.—Spirits turpentine 24½c; sales of — casks. Rosin firm; sales — barrels: A, B, C, D, E, F $1 40, G $1 45, H $1 50, I, $1 65, K $1 70, M $1 80, N $2 00, W G $2 90, W W $2 50.

SAVANNAH, January 4.—Spirits turpentine firm at 25½c; sales 400 casks; receipts for three days 1,150 casks. Rosin firm at the decline in pales; sales 6,000 barrels; receipts for three days 14,557 barrels; A, B, C, D, E, F, G $1 45, H $1 65, I $1 75, K $1 80, M $1 95, N $2 00, W G $2 20, W W $2 60.

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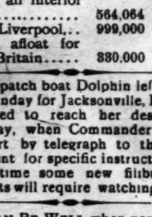

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CUBAN WAR NEWS.

SPANISH REPORTS OF ENGAGEMENTS WITH INSURGENTS.

U. S. Senator-Elect Money Creates a Sensation in Havana—It is Said He Has Been Within the Rebel Lines—Consul General Lee Denies the Report That Mr. Money is an Agent of the Cuban Junta in New York.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

HAVANA, Jan. 4.—Hon. H. D. Money, of Mississippi, United States Senator-elect, disappeared from the Hotel Inglaterra on Saturday morning. As it was the avowed intention of Mr. Money upon arriving in Cuba to penetrate the lines of the insurgents if he possibly could, with a view of studying the rebellion in the island and the condition of the country from the rebel's point of view, as well as from the Government side, it is surmised that he may have found means to accomplish this object, which would account for his disappearance.

Mr. Money returned to Havana this evening. All efforts to learn from him where he had been were fruitless, he declining to say anything that would tend to disclose his whereabouts since he disappeared. The general opinion is that he has been within the rebel lines seeking the information he desired, but there is no way of proving this belief.

Consul General Lee is authority for the statement that Mr. Money has no connection with the Cuban Junta in New York. This statement is made in view of the fact that a report has been circulated to the effect that Mr. Money is an agent of the Junta or has some connection with that body. Gen. Lee adds that Mr. Money made the trip to Cuba for pleasure and to obtain personal information within lawful limits of the condition of the country in order to enable him to speak with authority on the Cuban question. Last Saturday Mr. Money, Gen. Lee says, was invited to visit the town of San Jose de Las Lajas, some fifteen miles southeast of Havana, in order to see the country. He went there that day and remained until to-day. He remained in the town during his entire stay and saw no rebels.

Gen. Luque reports from Cienfuegos that his command met 1,500 rebels at Marrouquin, province of Santa Clara, and after a long fight compelled them to retreat. No mention is made of the losses on either side. Four hundred rebel cavalrymen, commanded by Maximo Gomez, the insurgent commander-in-chief, made attacks at Santa Teresa and other places upon a Government convoy. The Spanish forces comprises artillery and the charges of the rebels were met with volleys of grape shot, which caused havoc in their ranks. It is calculated that 100 of the insurgents were killed.

MADRID, Jan. 4.—A dispatch from Havana says it is expected that Maximo Gomez and other insurgent leaders will soon make overtures to the Spanish military authorities in Cuba with a view of securing favorable terms of surrender.

PRIZE FIGHTERS.

Fitzsimmons and Corbett Sign Articles to Fight March 17th—James Duffy Dies from Injuries Received in a Contest with Geo. Justice.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Jan. 4.—Bob Fitzimmons is matched to fight Jim Corbett for a purse of $15,000 and a side bet of $5,000 on March 17. Fitzsimmons signed the articles this afternoon at Taylor's Hotel, Jersey City. Corbett signed them three weeks ago. Dan Stuart, of Dallas, Texas, who made the match and claims to be able to pull it off, was present. Fitzsimmons went across the river from the city at 2.30 p. m. He was accompanied by Capt. Moore, Joe Vendig and Martin Julian.

It was 3.10 when Dan Stuart arrived. He immediately produced the articles. Julian read the terms governing the fight. Fitzsimmons objected to the clause, "all privileges reserved by the club." Julian said if the kintoscope privilege was sold the principals should get in on any money coming from that source, and a verbal agreement was made that all money should be equally divided between the principals. Then Fitzsimmons signed. Al Smith is named as stake holder.

James Duffy, the young pugilist from Boston who collapsed after fighting ten rounds with George Justice in the Broadway Athletic Club Saturday night, died at 2.15 this morning. He lay unconscious all day yesterday in St. Vincent's Hospital, suffering from cerebral hemorrhage, a blood-vessel having been ruptured by a succession of blows on the head.

THE RICE INDUSTRY.

A Delegation to Appear before the House Ways and Means Committee, Asking an Increase of Duty on Imported Rice.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, January 4.—The rice interests are reported here in a delegation which will appear before the House Committee on Ways and Means this week. At a meeting held to-night at the Ebbitt House it was decided to present a memorial to the Ways and Means Committee, asking an increase in duty of from one-half to three fourths of a cent per pound on all imported rice, and a decrease in differential duty between cleaned and uncleaned rice of about one-fourth of a cent a pound, so that the rate will be one-half of a cent a pound instead of seven-tenths of a cent a pound as at present. The delegation reports that the rice industry in this country is suffering in competition with rice exported from Japan and other Eastern countries.

HOMICIDE AT SUMTER, S. C.

Thomas Rhame Shot and Killed by Ralph Deschamps—The Latter Believed to be Seriously Wounded.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CHARLESTON, January 4.—A special to the *News and Courier* from Sumter, S. C., says: Thomas Rhame and Ralph Derchamps, of Panola, met at the house of Mr. H. D. Rhame last night and became involved in a personal difficulty and Rhame drew a revolver and began shooting at Deschamps, who drew his revolver and returned the fire. Rhame was mortally wounded and died within twenty minutes. Deschamps disappeared immediately, leaving his horse and buggy, and has not been heard from since. It is believed that Deschamps was seriously injured and has since died. A gentleman who left the scene of the tragedy at 10 o'clock this morning says Deschamps had not been found at that hour.

The statement recently made that the Japanese are assisting the rebels in the Philippine islands with men and munitions of war is officially denied at Madrid.

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COMMITTED SUICIDE.

Cashier Cornelius of the National Farmers' and Planters' Bank of Baltimore—A Shortage in His Accounts.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

BALTIMORE, Jan. 4.—Richard D. Cornelius, one of the oldest and best known bank cashiers of this city, committed suicide to-day. His body was found in the duck pond in Druid Hill Park this afternoon, a few hours after a shortage of $60,000 had been discovered in his accounts at the National Farmers' and Planters' Bank.

Last Saturday Bank Examiner Marshall Winchester drew the attention of the officers of the bank to some irregularities in the accounts of out-of-town institutions. This morning Mr. Cornelius was asked to explain the irregularities. He did not attempt to do so, but abruptly walked off. A closer examination of his accounts disclosed an apparent shortage of $60 000.

When the officers of the bank learned that the cashier had left the building they telephoned to detectives to hunt him up. They traced the defaulter to Druid Hill Park and thence to Duck Pond. There they found his body floating in three feet of water. The man had evidently held himself to the bottom by the weeds that grew there.

Mr. Cornelius was about 68 years of age, and had been connected with the National Farmers' and Planters' Bank for over forty-two years.

For many years Mr. Cornelius had been very prominent in Methodism and at the time of his death was a local preacher of the Baltimore Conference, president of the City Missionary and Church Extension Society, president of the Emory Grove Association, one of the trustees of the Baltimore Annual Conference, and a member of the official board of Madison Avenue church. He attended divine worship twice yesterday. He lived at 1735 Madison avenue, where his body was removed to.

The National Farmers' and Planters' Bank is one of the oldest and considered one of the strongest in the city. It has paid ten per cent. dividends for several years, in addition to adding to its surplus fund annually. The surplus given in the bank's report on December 17, 1896, was $600,000. Its capital stock is $800,000.

MORE FAILURES.

Banks at St. Paul and Minneapolis Close Their Doors—A Bank of Nora Springs, Iowa, Suspended.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

ST. PAUL, Jan. 4.—The Germania Bank of this city closed its doors this morning. Its capital was $400,000. December 17th the loans and discounts amounted to $975,000 and its deposits to $1,091,968. The announcement was made by the officers of the bank that the institution had been assigned to Peter M. Kerst, who for the past year or two has been the cashier of the bank. The announcement stated that the action was taken after full consideration of all the phases of the situation, the directors having decided it was best for all concerned that they should close. The bank stood a run for nearly two weeks, its depositors beginning to withdraw their accounts at the time the Bank of Minnesota closed on December 22nd.

DUBUQUE, Jan. 4.—The City Bank of Nora Springs, Iowa, suspended to-day.

ST. PAUL, MINN., Jan. 4.—The Allemania Bank of this city closed its doors at noon to-day. The capital of the bank is $400,000; surplus, $59,000. Its statement December 17th shows as follows: Loans and discounts, $708,843; cash on hand and due from other banks, $102,066; deposits, $603,305. It held on January 1st St. Paul city funds to the amount of $51,000 and State funds aggregating $35,303.

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN., Jan. 4.—The West Side Bank, of St. Paul, has closed its doors. It cleared through the Allemania Bank, which failed this morning, and the latter failure compelled it to close. It is a small concern.

There was a heavy run on the Minnesota Savings Bank, which is intimately concerned with the Germania Bank. As a result of the run the Minnesota Savings Bank has taken advantage of the sixty-day notice.

WARM WIRELETS.

The Berlin *Tageblatt* asserts that France and Russia have agreed to intervene at Washington to prevent a breach between the United States and Spain.

The issue of standard silver dollars from the U. S. mints and Treasury offices for the week ended January 2 was $438,800, and for the corresponding period last year $391,650.

Professional burglars rifled William D. Boyette's safe at Norfolk, Va., yesterday morning and secured $172. The combination bolt was knocked off with a sledge hammer and giant powder inserted. The burglars escaped.

Railroads in Kansas are suffering badly from the snow storm. All trains are late and in some places traffic is entirely blockaded. In some localities the drifts are six to ten feet high. At Larned the snow is four feet deep on the level.

Two thousand employes of the Westinghouse Airbrake Company, Pittsburg, Pa., started to work yesterday, after an idleness of almost a month. Large orders have been received and the works will probably run steadily from now on.

The Wyoming State general hospital at Rock Springs, Wyo., was burned to the ground yesterday. The ten patients were removed, but one, a woman, died from fright while being taken to the temporary quarters. The loss is $45,000.

Capt. Edward Murphy, the commander of the wrecked filibustering steamer Commodore and the remainder of those saved from the wreck, arrived at Jacksonville last night. Seven men are still missing, and are believed to be drowned.

About 120 coal miners and employes in coal mines along the Wheeling division of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad have struck because of refusal of operators to pay the sixty-cent rate as proposed at the last joint convention of operators and miners.

The correspondents of the Madrid newspapers, the *Imparcial*, *Heraldo* and *Correspondencia*, now in Havana, have received orders from their respective offices to proceed to the island of Porto Rico at the beginning of the month of March and there await instructions.

Another of the boys who were bitten by a rabid dog in Baltimore county a few weeks ago, and who were treated at the Pasteur Institute in New York, has developed symptoms of hydrophobia and his death is expected. Three of the eight victims of the dog's bite have already died in great agony.

The worst blizzard known for years has been raging at Sioux City, Ia., for thirty-six hours. The conditions are steadily growing worse and a general blockade is feared. Deaths are reported from the outlying districts, but until after the storm nothing definite can be learned.

Tobacco, and manufactures thereof, being schedule F of the existing tariff law, was the subject of the hearing before the House Committee on Ways and Means yesterday. The National Association of cigar manufacturers of the United States urged reduction of duty on Sumatra and Cuban tobaccos.

In Olden Times

People overlooked the importance of permanently beneficial effects and were satisfied with transient action; but now that it is generally known that Syrup of Figs will permanently overcome habitual constipation, well-informed people will not buy other laxatives, which act for a time, but finally injure the system.

POLITICIANS SWARMING

PREPARATORY TO THE ASSEMBLING OF THE STATE LEGISLATURE.

Republicans Will Concede the Speakership of the House to the Populists—Hileman of Cabarrus Will Probably be the Man—Only Four Contests for Seats—The Senatorial Question—Col. O. H. Dockery in the Race.

[*Special Star Correspondence.*]

RALEIGH, N. C., Jan. 4.

There are a large number of Representatives and Senators in the city this morning. By night it is expected that the greater number will have arrived. Yesterday the politicians swarmed the lobby of the Park Hotel. A few of the righteous went to church but the number was comparatively small.

The first development of importance is the concession of the Speakership by the Republicans to the Populists. This is a move by the Pritchard forces to placate the Populists. Hileman figures in the movement to the extent that he will receive the majority of the Republican support for Speaker. And what is required of Hileman? It is just possible that he will work the Pritchard movement among the Populists.

I asked Chairman Ayer to-day about the Speakership. He said that it was generally understood that the Republicans would support a Populist for the honor. Sutton, of New Hanover, expresses the opinion that a Populist will be elected Speaker. Duncan, of Carteret, says the Republicans concede nothing. From what can be ascertained the Speakership will go to O. F. Hileman, of Cabarrus, through Republican influence. There are only two Populist candidates for Speaker and they are J. B Schulken, of Columbus, and Hileman, of Cabarrus.

Dr. Mott arrived yesterday. Until the landing of this venerable politician, Senator Otho Wilson was the only pebble on the beach, Senatorially speaking. Dr. Mott professed great ignorance of things political to me. He wanted information on the Senatorial question, when queried on that subject. I asked him if a silver man would be elected Senator. "A majority of those who will elect a Senator are silver men," the Doctor remarked.

Chairman Holton figures out the strength of the three parties in the Legislature a little different from some of the others. He says there are 72 Republicans, 55 Populists and 43 Democrats. Strange to say, the official figures are not obtainable.

There are only four contests for seats. Broughton, Democrat, contests the seat of Young, Republican, from Wake; a Democrat contests the seat of the negro Crews from Granville, and Williams and Cantor, Republicans, contest the seats of the Democratic representatives from Mecklenburg.

Col. O. H. Dockery, whose friends say he is very much in the race for Senator, will arrive here to-day. Lieutenant Governor-elect Chas. Reynolds came in this afternoon from Winston. Mr. Reynolds will occupy rooms at the Florence Hotel.

Mr. W. S. Hyams, who is secretary of the Republican Campaign Committee, authorizes the statement that the article appearing in the morning paper here accrediting him with being a candidate for Marshal of the Western District, is absolutely false. Mr. Hyams says he is seeking no office.

All these parties will caucus to-morrow night. Candidates for speaker will be named and the legislative officers will be nominated. There are dozens of the pie-counter brigade in the city. They keep the politician of "prominence" and the innocent legislator from the interior on the dodge. This legislative office-seeking class is certainly a persistent crowd. It looks as if most all of the old officers will secure a re-election.

Sutton, of New Hanover, is stopping at the Park. I asked that gentleman what legislation would be enacted to change the city government of Wilmington. He said that the charter would be amended in one or two particulars, but that no action would be taken to change the city government.

Senator Butler arrived here this morning. He will remain until after the Senatorial matter is settled.

[*Special Star Telegram.*]

J. E. Alexander, of Winston, law partner of Chairman Holton, has accepted the tender of private secretary to Gov. Russell.

About half of the members of the Legislature are here. Over one hundred office-seekers are making the lives of Representatives miserable.

There was an informal conference of the Democratic members to-night. Only a dozen were present. Cunningham, of Person, will be nominated for Speaker. Some Democrats are opposed to naming a candidate for Senator.

Republicans concede the Speakership to the Populists. Hileman, of Cabarrus, Schulken, of Columbus, and Brown, of Onslow, are candidates. Republicans are supporting Hileman, but the latter denies the story that he has formed a coalition with Pritchard. Butler's friends are supporting Schulken. Senator Butler says he is taking no part in the Speakership fight. It looks like Hileman will be Speaker.

Morton, of Richmond, Populist, wants a free silver conference. He says the silverites in all parties should unite and fight free and above board. Congressman Skinner says: "If Pritchard is for silver, which I believe him to be, then good faith should cause him to be voted for by all Populists. I think he is as good a silver man as there is in the State. The indications are that Mr. Pritchard will be elected under caucus legislation and personal assurances to support the People's party in their fight for financial reforms."

It is said that Populists from Skinner's district first will support Pritchard. Every indication points to Pritchard's election. Populists reluctantly talk of Senatorial matters. Hileman tells me representatives of the First and Second districts assure him their support for Speaker. He believes Butler is opposing him, but thinks his election sure.

Senator Butler said to-night: "In the caucus to-morrow I cannot tell whether the Senatorial matter will be taken up. Complete organization will be considered." It is stated that Butler's policy will be to nominate a Populist candidate for Senator, and he expects Democrats to support him. It is very likely that the Populists will demand of Pritchard that he declare himself anew in favor of silver.

Some Republicans say they are not yet ready to yield the Speakership to the Populists.

The *Progressive Farmer* says to-day: "We have no personal feeling against Senator Pritchard. We have no objections to the election of a silver Republican. Indeed, it is but natural and fair that the Republicans have the Senator from the State, but we want it distinctly understood that Pritchard cannot be pushed down the throat of middle-of-road Populists; and we also want it generally understood that this paper knows the sentiments of the Populists of the State, and if Pritchard, who is not a silver man, is re-elected, it will be done by dishonest methods, and the moment it is done a chasm will be created and no bridge can be built across it. Populists did not go into this fight to defeat such men as Senator Ransom and Congressman Settle and turn around and elect Pritchard, one of the same kind. If a chasm is to be made, the result will be that the Republican party will be thrown back where it was prior to 1894—in an absolutely helpless condition. But if the leaders want to wreck the party on Pritchard shoals, that is their business. Populist members of the Legislature who favor Pritchard, if there be such, will go down in the general wreck when the craft strikes the shoals, and their names will be written beside that of Cleveland, Sherman, Ransom and other enemies of the people."

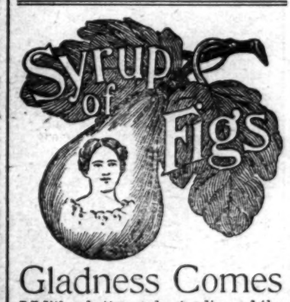
Miss Ruth Slack, who was shot on December 31st by Edward Flanagan, at Atlanta, Ga., made an ante-mortem statement yesterday and died a few hours later. In her statement, which was sworn to, she said that she was shot in the back by Flanagan. Her betrothed was with her when she made the statement.

John Hickerman, a young farmer of Monroe county, Ga., shot his wife and then shot himself on Sunday. Hickerman is dead and his wife cannot recover. He said before he died that he shot her by accident. It is believed by the family that he shot her in a fit of jealousy.

Polly Brannum, possibly the oldest woman in Tennessee, died at Knoxville last night at the advanced age of 109.

Philadelphia Policemen.

Although every Philadelphia policeman is provided with uniform, helmet, belt and club by the city, he is forced to purchase the revolver and black jack which go to make up his equipment. This circumstance is possessed of legal significance. Everything that the city authorizes the policeman to wear or carry is provided out of municipal funds, but the city has no authority to allow any man to carry concealed weapons. This authority is given the policemen by the courts. However, the department of public safety is a factor in the question, because it accepts a certain revolver as the official weapon of the police force, and the policemen are expected to purchase the official revolver. Personal taste enters into the purchase in the way of embellishments, and some members of the force pay from $15 to $20 for a revolver that can be purchased bare of ornaments for $5. The official black jack is of infinite variety, but always of equal utility.—Philadelphia Record.



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